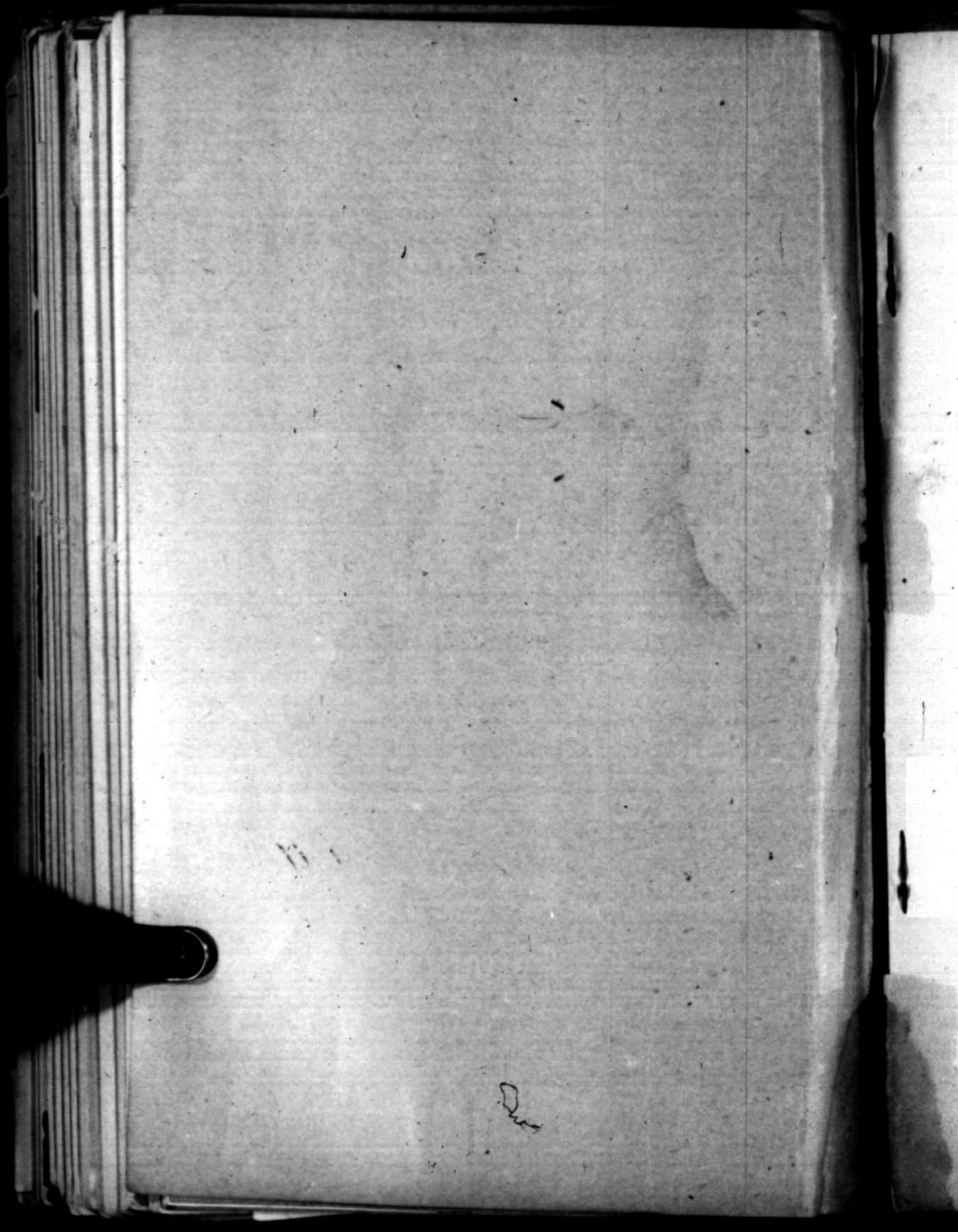


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MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

Chickasahay Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

BUCKATUNNA BAPTIST CHURCH,

Sept. 21, 22 and 23, 1901.

OFFICERS.

W. H. PATTON,.....MODERATOR.....Shubuta, Miss.
C. E. ROBERTS,.....CLERK & TREAS.....Meridian, Miss.

The next meeting will be held with Shubuta Baptist Church on ~~Saturday~~ before the fourth Lord's Day in September, 1902.

Sunday school Institute to convene one day previous to the Association.

A REQUEST.

WILL NOT THE PASTORS, DEACONS AND DELEGATES, AS SOON AS THE MINUTES ARE DISTRIBUTED, READ ONE OF THE REPORTS AT EACH PRAYER MEETING SERVICE?

SHOULD ANY CHURCH WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THIS ASSOCIATION NOT HAVE A WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING, READ IT AT YOUR MONTHLY CONFERENCE, AND COMMENT UPON IT.

WILL YOU HAVE EACH MEMBER OF EVERY CHURCH HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS FOSTERED BY OUR DENOMINATION:—STATE, HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS, ORPHANAGE, COLPORTAGE, SUSTENTATION, MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE. SHOULD THERE BE ANY ONE TOO POOR TO CONTRIBUTE AS MUCH AS FIVE CENTS TO EACH OBJECT, THE CHURCH SHOULD HELP THEM.

PASTORS, ASSIST THE CLERK IN FILLING OUT THE ASSOCIATIONAL LETTERS, ANSWERING ALL THE QUESTIONS AND IF POSSIBLE, HAVE THE CHURCH REPRESENTED AT THE NEXT SESSION BY DELEGATE OR DELEGATES, INSIST UPON THEIR REMAINING TO THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

YOURS IN THE MASTER'S WORK,

MODERATOR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

BUCKATUNNA, MISS., Sept. 20th, 1901.

Sunday school Institute of Chickasahay Baptist Association convened at 9:20 A. M.

Devotional services led by Bro. D. W. Bosdell of Meridian, consisting of Scripture reading, songs and prayer.

After which the Institute was called to order by the President, W. H. Patton of Shubuta.

Institute went into permanent organization by the election of Bro. W. H. Patton as chairman and C. E. Roberts of Meridian as secretary.

After organization the following programme was carried out:

"How to study the Bible," by Bro. J. A. Hackett of Meridian, followed by Brethren L. A. Duncan, also of Meridian; A. V. Rowe of Winona; and D. W. Bosdell, also of Meridian.

The time having arrived for preaching service, Institute adjourned to reconvene at 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 2:05 o'clock P. M. by chairman Patton. Prayer by Bro. Rowe.

"How to study the Bible" was continued, the subject being ably discussed. The discussion being led by Bro. J. A. Hackett who spoke upon the "Two ways of studying the Bible." This closed the discussion on this subject.

The time having arrived for the discussion of the following:

"The duty of every Christian to belong to the Sunday-school." Bro. L. A. Duncan led the discussion on this subject followed by Bro. Bosdell on the "Necessity of Sunday school training," followed by brethren A. V. Rowe, J. A. Hackett and Bro. Brown who closed the discussion on this subject.

On motion, Bro. Patton led the discussion on "A warning against some paramount dangers besetting the Christians of to-day, and how teachers should teach by examples," followed by brethren Hackett, Bosdell and Duncan.

Session adjourned to meet Saturday morning, the 21st at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Institute called to order promptly at 9 o'clock.

Motion made that Institute dispense with the hour's session this morning. Same prevailed.

On motion Institute adjourned *sine die*.

C. E. ROBERTS, Secretary,

W. H. PATTON, Chairman.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

D. W. Bosdell,.....Meridian. W. J. Jones,.....DeSoto.
 W. A. McCain, Louisville, Ky. A. J. Thames,.....State Line.
 A. Gressett,.....Meridian. E. A. Clark, Stonewall.
 C. S. Ray,.....Quitman. W. Z. West,.....Shubuta.
 —G. W. Knight,...Waynesboro. W. J. David,.....Meridian.
 J. L. Stone,.....Hattiesburg. Rufus Sumrall,.....Shubuta.
 J. R. Steinwinder,...Meridian. G. C. Johnson,.....Meridian
 J. A. W. Lowrey,...Eucutta. —J. A. Hackett,.....Meridian.
 A. G. Lowrey,.....Eucutta. —R. S. Gavin,.....Quitman.
 R. H. Shamburger,...Gilead. —R. A. Venable,.....Meridian.
 —J. M. Phillips,.....Shubuta. —W. E. Fail,.....Chicora.
 —H. C. Mason,.....Chicora.—J. R. Farish,.....Meridian.
 —W. A. Roper,.....Heidleburg. D. G. Robinson, Chicora.

MINUTES.

Buckatunna, Miss., Sept. 21, 1901.

In the absence of the moderator the clerk of the Chickasahay Baptist Association called that body to order at 9:15 o'clock A. M., Sept. 21st, 1901, at Buckatunna, Miss., in its twenty-sixth annual session.

Bro. R. A. Venable of Meridian was chosen temporary chairman.

Brethren D. W. Bosdell, W. E. Sharp and W. H. Foster were appointed to assist the clerk in enrolling the delegates present.

In the interval occupied by the committee on Enrollment, Bro. Venable conducted devotional services using Col. 3:1-17.

After which the clerk reported the delegates present from the various churches. Those already present numbered thirty-nine (39) as follows:

Quitman—R. S. Gavin and Mrs. R. S. Gavin.

Poplar Springs—C. A. Gartin.

Fairfield—J. A. Shed and J. F. Martin.

Oak Grove—J. Sumrall.

Mt. Gilead—T. G. Pigford.

State Line—A. J. Thames.

Buckatunna—J. W. Mills, W. J. Eutrekin and T. J. Johnson.

Seventh Ave., Meridian—Miss Mollie Lumbley.

Big Creek—D. G. Robinson and Louis Cockran.

Mt. Zion—F. R. McIlwain and C. D. O'Gwyun.

Souinlovie, R. M. Read and C. L. Powell.

Enterprise—W. H. Foster.

Stonewall—J. H. Harper, J. W. Tucker and J. D. Priester.

DeSoto—Jno. M. Carmichael and J. N. Shirley.

Shubuta—Rev. J. M. Phillips, W. H. Patton T. W. Shoemaker and Mrs. M. J. Bethea.

Salem or Waynesboro—Mrs. Lizzie Graham, G. S. Hunter and J. M. Davis.

Pachuta—S. Gordan and L. S. Hardee.

Harmony—D. M. Sinclair and Geo. Kennedy.

Union—W. L. Brunson, Jr.

Meridian—Rev. R. A. Venable and J. A. Hackett.

Fifteenth Ave., Meridian—Rev. G. C. Johnson Mrs. G. C. Johnson and W. E. Sharp.

Forty-first Ave., Meridian—L. A. Duncan, Rev. D. W. Bosdell, C. E. Roberts, Misses Grace Meadows and Virgie Shirley.

Southside, Meridian—Rev. J. D. Cook, W. E. Fairchilds and C. C. Dunn.

Association went into permanent organization by the election of Bro. W. H. Patton, of Shubuta, as moderator and C. E. Roberts as clerk and treasurer.

On motion the moderator appointed a committee on Credentials and Digest of letters, said committee to report to this body before its adjournment.

Committee—L. A. Duncan, C. C. Dunn and J. W. Tucker.

At this point petitionary letters were called for. Souinlovie church responded asking for admission in this body. They were represented by Bros. R. M. Read and C. L. Powell.

On motion, they were received.

On motion, the courtesies of the floor were extended to ministers of other Associations who might be among us.

The following brethren were recognized:

Bro. A. V. Rowe of the State Convention; H. M. Mason and G. W. Fagan of Antioch Association of Ala.

Sister M. J. Bethea of the Ladies Society of Shubuta was also recognized as a delegate from Shubuta and enrolled.

On motion of Bro. L. A. Duncan a Finance committee composed of the following brethren was appointed:

Committee—C. C. Dunn, W. E. Fairchilds and J. D. Cook.

On motion of Bro. Venable the following committee was appointed to report on Sunday-school work:

Committee—W. H. Foster, L. A. Duncan, J. D. Priestler and J. N. Shirley.

On motion of Bro. Venable the committees on Home, State and Foreign Missions were instructed to report on these subjects immediately upon the opening of the afternoon session.

On motion of Bro. Venable the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the hours of this Association be as follows:

That we convene at 9 o'clock A. M.; to adjourn at 12:30

P. M.; to reconvene at 2 P. M.; to adjourn at 5 P. M.; to reconvene at 7 P. M.; to adjourn at will.

On motion of Bro. G. C. Johnson of Fifteenth Ave, Meridian the report on Woman's work was set for 3 o'clock P. M. Sunday.

On motion of Bro. Venable the pastor and Board of deacons of Buckatunna church and Bro. J. A. Hackett were appointed as a Devotional committee.

On motion the report of committee on the Orphanage was set for 4 o'clock P. M. Sunday.

The report of committee on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. W. H. Foster of Enterprise. On motion the discussion of this report was set for 9 A. M. Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school, in its present form, has not existed for a very long time, but the teaching of God's Word dates back even to the time of the passing of the children of Israel from Egypt to the land of promise, and the will of God concerning man was shown to that wandering people, even in the voice of thunder that reverberated from the lofty peak of Sinai.

The primary object to be attained in the Sunday school is to teach the people, especially the young, the will of God and their duties toward him, and that Sunday school that fails to impress upon its members these important truths fails, in the most part, to accomplish the good that it might do. Truths are to be taught and learned that concern the future eternal welfare and destiny of the soul. For this work of teaching only consecrated Christians should be employed. Too often are others used as teachers, simply because they are convenient and supposed to be qualified.

The Sunday school is the ante-room to the church, a part and parcel of it, and cannot exist without it. How often do we see the hopeless struggle of the churchless Sunday school! How much more often do we see the church without its most powerful aid, the Sunday school! The amount of good that is accomplished by an active, wide-awake Sunday school cannot be estimated, but so often does the church overlook this truth and lose this good by its indifference. Would that our churches would arouse from their slumbers and put on the whole armor of God for the fight against the wicked one.

We would not arraign all the churches; for some of them are doing noble work, and reports from their Sunday schools show splendid results accomplished; but we would beseech and beg most earnestly that those churches that are not at work in this important field begin at once and in earnest. Spasmodic effort in this battle against sin and vice cannot accomplish much; there must be persistent prayerful labor, and He who sends the blessed Spirit's power will look after the sure results.

"By their fruits ye shall know them," is strictly true with churches in regard to Sunday school work. Is the church interested in the soul's welfare of its children? Does it earnestly desire that its members be constantly supplied with proper spiritual food? Is it longing earnestly for the advancement of God's kingdom on earth, and hoping to see the darkness of sin quickly dispelled by the glorious light of the gospel? Then what is it doing? Merely saying that it is will not suffice; it must put its shoulder to the wheel and go to work, and the Sunday school is the church's legitimate field of labor.

We recommend that the Sunday schools of the different churches use the Southern Baptist Convention series of literature.

W. H. FOSTER.
L. A. DUNCAN.
J. N. SHIRLEY.
J. D. PRIESTER.

The hour for the devotional sermon having arrived Rev. J. D. Cook of South Side, Meridian, took the stand using Acts: 17:30.

After the sermon the moderator appointed the following committees:

Foreign Missions—R. A. Venable, Virgie Shirley, G. S. Hunter and L. S. Hardee.

Home Missions—D. W. Bosdell, C. A. Gartin, J. A. Shed and J. Sumrall.

State Missions—C. C. Dunn, R. M. Read, D. G. Robinson and T. G. Pigford.

Sustentation—J. A. Hackett, J. T. Martin, J. W. Mills and F. R. Mellwain

Publications—R. S. Gavin, Jno. M. Carmichael, J. M. Davis and S. Gordan.

Twentieth Century Movement—J. D. Cook, C. L. Powell, Louis Cockran and T. J. Johnson.

Woman's Work—G. C. Johnson, Miss Mollie Lumbley, Mrs. G. C. Johnson, Miss Grace Meadow and Mrs. M. J. Bethea.

Orphanage—A. J. Thames, W. J. Eutrekin, C. A. Gartin and Mrs. R. S. Gavin.

Colportage—L. A. Duncan, D. M. Sinclair, W. L. Brunson, Jr. and L. S. Hardee.

Temperance—W. H. Patton, Geo. Kennedy, J. A. Shed and J. D. Cook.

Nomnations—C. C. Dunn, L. A. Duncan, W. H. Foster and R. S. Gavin.

On motion, a committee on Apportionment was appointed to report to the clerk as soon as possible after the adjournment of this body; also one on the B. Y. P. U. work. Committees as follows:

Apportionment—R. A. Venable, A. V. Rowe, J. D. Cook, J. M. Shed, J. A. Hackett, R. S. Gavin, L. S. Hardee, A. J. Thames and D. W. Bosdell.

B. Y. P. U. Work—L. A. Duncan, Miss Lizzie Graham, D. W. Bosdell and A. J. Thames.

The time for adjournment having arrived we were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Cook to reconvene at 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order promptly at 2 o'clock. Opened with prayer by Bro. Venable.

The report on Foreign Missions having been appointed for this hour, it was accordingly called for and read by Bro. Venable, *Chairman* of committee as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board, of Richmond, Va., has now in the various foreign fields 143 missionaries; 46 of these are ordained males; 56 female helpers; 41 ordained natives. These are assisted by 130 unordained native helpers, male and female.

Last conventional year these reported 1009 baptisms.

The Board raised and expended last year \$156,083.33—the largest receipts in the history of our Foreign Mission work.

The Board sent out last year 20 additional missionaries. Our own State gave last year \$9,039.15. This is the largest contribution our churches have ever made to this work, and yet this is shamefully small, less than *nine cents* per member. When we remember the thousands who have given nothing at all to this work, we cannot suppress a feeling of shame. If all our people could be enlisted in this work, we could easily give \$25,000. Certainly there can be no doubt as to our duty. The command to carry the Gospel to all the world is imperative. Our churches would rise up in holy indignation against any organization claiming to be a Baptist church, which should ignore the ordinance of New Testament baptism. Every church and Association would speedily withdraw from such a body, and yet there are churches, so called baptized believers, who willfully and persistently neglect the last command of our Lord. These forfeit their right to be regarded as churches of the New Testament.

Your committee is of the opinion that this failure to do their duty on the part of our churches is due to the neglect of the pastors to instruct them, and devise plans by which each church may discharge this important duty. We recommend, therefore, 1st. That our pastors be requested to preach on this important subject from time to time, laying it upon the hearts of the people.

2nd. Our Executive Board in its 5th Sunday meetings arrange to have the subject of Foreign Missions made prominent in the discussions before the churches and people.

3rd. That the Executive committee be requested to *pro rate* the amounts to be raised this year among our churches, and that the pastors see that such amounts are raised.

4th. That this Association gladly undertakes her part of the \$11,000 our State is asked to give this year, and that we will make this work an object of special prayer.

(Signed)

R. A. VENABLE, CH'N.
VIRGIE SHIRLEY,
G. S. HEMETER,
L. S. HARDEE.

The adoption of this report was postponed until the report of committees on Home and State Missions and the Twentieth Century Movement were read; that they might be discussed together.

Rev. D. W. Bosdell read the following report of committee on Home Missions.

HOME MISSIONS.

In offering to this Association a report of the Home Mission Board, let us notice—the EXTENT OF ITS WORK.

This Board is doing work in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and Cuba. We have employed in this territory 811 missionaries, who baptized during the year 6,671, and received by letter 7,229—a total of 13,800.

In addition to the above, this Board was the agency in the constitution of 161 churches and the building of 100 church houses.

THE CHARACTER OF ITS WORK:—No doubt the character of work that is being done is suggested by the preceding statements, however, I might mention:

1. The Co-operative work with the various State Boards, where these Boards are entirely unable to grapple with the needs. For instance, the factory districts of North Carolina, and similar conditions exist in portions of Louisiana, Texas and Florida.

These states are unable to do their work and if left alone, would compel many localities to suffer. The Home Board is doing a co-operative work with those States.

2. The Frontier work. This work is being done in Indian Territory, Oklahoma and a part of Texas. This is a very unsettled work, but it is important that it be done.

3. The work amongst the negroes. While we have neglected this work in part, yet knowing that the population of the South is forty percent negro, it becomes too grave a problem to be neglected. This is a work not undertaken by the states separately, but left to be prosecuted by the Home Board.

4. The Mountain work. This is both educational and devotional. Other denominations are spending thousands of dollars in educating the children of this mountain country. If they educate them they will have won their sympathy and hearts.

The Baptists are doing a work educating and preaching.

5. The work in Cuba. This is in many respects the greatest of all countries, and almost wholly undeveloped. The Baptists are making an effort to plant Christ's cause in every city. If our churches will but stand by the Board, the end will be reached. This Board is doing a great work in each phase of its operation, and the nature and importance of the work commends the Board to the people.

FINANCES:—The total amount received by this Board during the last year was \$86,964, which is an increase over the previous year of \$11,598. All of the States except two made an increase in their contributions to this Board.

Mississippi contributed during the past year \$4,099 against \$3,206 the previous year. Of this amount collected by us as a State last year, the Board returned and expended in our State the amount of \$2,175.00. The State at large made an increase in what they gave to this Board, but what about our Association?

The Association gave this year * as against \$516.95 the previous year. Your Committee would recommend the work of this Board as deserving our hearty support.

Committee.

{ D. W. BOSDELL, CH'N.
{ C. A. GARTIN,
{ J. A. SHED,
{ J. SUMRALL.

* Amount left blank.

Bro. C. C. Dunn read the following report of committee on State Missions:

STATE MISSIONS.

Existing circumstances justify the statement that at no time in the history of Mississippi have the conditions been more inviting and the necessity more imperative for State Mission work than now. Industrial progress is the watch-word of the hour and material advancement is seen on every hand. Railroad construction, the building of new towns and the consequent new centres of population; the establishment of factories which bring thousands of immigrant industrial laborers into the older towns and Cities, is both rapidly increasing the population and producing new or different standards of morals and social conditions. These and many other conditions, render the opportunities in State Mission work incalculable in possible results and makes the work both difficult and great. As a denomination we cannot afford not to utilize the opportunities. As Christians we cannot afford to be indifferent to the responsibility. We must, we will, meet the issue and make these new conditions instruments of profit to the denomination and also turn them to the glory of God and the consequent benefit of humanity.

The results from State Mission operations during the last conventional year, were of the most satisfactory and encouraging character. The following statistical table taken from the report of the Convention Board made to the State Convention in July will serve to indicate the work done during the period named:

ITEMS OF PERSONAL WORK: Days of actual service, 5,972; Number of miles traveled, 42,000; Number of Stations, 171; Number of sermons preached, 3,985; Church prayer meetings attended, 750; Families visited for religious purposes, 3,297; Number of persons baptized, 341; Baptized by others in meetings where missionaries labored, 442; Received by letter, 538; Restored to Church fellowship, 46; Number of Churches organized 9; Sunday Schools organized, 11; Officers, teachers and scholars in same, 600; Total number of Sunday Schools, 53; Officers, teachers scholars in same, 2,200; Sunday School addresses delivered, 90; Numbers of pages of tracts distributed, 52,000; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 500; Value of Bibles sold, \$1,250; Value of books sold, \$200; Families without Bibles, 60; Money collected for personal services, \$2,460; Money collected for Missions, \$3,000; Number of houses of worship commenced, 11; Number of houses of worship finished, 12; Number of houses of worship repaired, 6; Amount expended for houses of worship, \$26,800; There were 89, missionaries engaged in the work, embracing 171 stations, under the supervision of the Board last year. The Board and the late State Convention having caught the inspiration of the times, have determined to enlarge the work and to put forth greater effort during the present year than has been done in any of the years gone before. And in order to accomplish this end and to make their purposes possible have asked the 100,000 Baptist in Mississippi to give \$15,000.00 to this work. When we consider the material wealth and prosperity of the Baptist host of Mississippi the request of the Board for fifteen Thousand Dollars must appear to sober minded Baptists as being a moderate demand.

Respectfully submitted;

C. C. DUNN,
R. M. READ,
T. G. PIGFORD,
D. G. DORSON,

On motion, the evening session was set for the discussion of these subjects, discussion to be led by Brethren Rowe and Venable.

The report of committee on Twentieth Century Movement was presented by Rev. J. D. Cook.

Report as follows;

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

It is impossible to fully present the scope of this movement in the brief time that can be allotted to this subject, and the limited space that can be given to this report in the minutes.

The original object was, that the year 1900 should be observed as a memorial year by our Baptist churches, in which special effort should be made to more fully inform them of the gracious fullness of the divine blessings received during the past century, and to better equip them for the mighty work which lies before them in the twentieth century. As the purpose of this movement has not been consummated, we propose to still keep it before our people. We recommend:—The giving of thanks to God for his great mercies and blessings upon our denomination in the work during the past century, as shown in giving to us of a faithful and able ministry of the gospel; in our large numerical increase; in the increase of wealth and intelligence among our people; in enlarged liberality; in the position attained by us in the world; in the influence vouchsafed us as a denomination upon the social, civil and religious life of our nation, and of the world; in our improved educational advantages; in the spread of our Baptist doctrines; in the development of the doctrine and the spirit of missions; and our enlarged facilities for the evangelization of the world.

Now briefly as to some achievements during the nineteenth century. At the beginning of this century, from various causes, mainly persecution, our ministry did not compare favorably in point of literary ability with some of the other more favored denominations. Now our ministry ranks with the foremost of all the land,—in the pulpit, on the platform, and in literary attainments. We have both authors and scholars who are second to none.

At the beginning of the last century, we had in the United States, 822 churches, 613 ordained ministers, and 59,560 members. Now we have 43,959 churches, 29,810 ordained ministers, and 4,233,226 members.

In 1804 we had one Baptist school, viz: Brown University. Now we have more than two hundred. The aggregated value of our educational property and endowments, exceeds thirty-three millions of dollars. Almost all of this has been contributed within the last fifty years.

When the nineteenth century dawned upon the United States, the Baptists of this section did not have a single Foreign missionary. The English Baptists sent out William Carey in 1792. Adoniram Judson and wife, and Luther Rice came to us in 1813 from the Congregationalists. Judson and wife were our first missionaries. Now Southern Baptists alone have 102 foreign missionaries, baptized last year on foreign fields 1009, and our membership on these fields numbers 5773.

Behold, what God hath wrought! How can we fully express our gratitude? Who will venture to predict approximately the results at the close of this twentieth century? What may be accomplished, now that we have religious liberty achieved by our forefathers, the whole world an open field for us to enter, the wealth of the nations being poured into our lap; our ministry and our membership cultured and consecrated? Say, shall we

not soon spread "the glorious gospel of the blessed God" all over the world, to the honor and glory of His Son, "who loved us and gave himself for us?"

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. COOK,
T. J. JOHNSON,
C. L. POWELL.

Bro. H. B. Hamberlin, of Antioch Association, Ala., was recognized and spoke to this report.

Bro. D. W. Bosdell spoke to the report on Home Missions.

Bro. C. C. Dunn spoke to the report on State Missions.

Bro. Hackett spoke to the report on Foreign Missions.

Bro. A. J. Thames was recognized and spoke on Missions in general.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended until the evening session and the report of committee on Nominations was called.

Report as follows:

NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations begs leave to submit the following report to wit: That the Association meet on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday of Sept. 1902, at nine o'clock A. M. at Shubuta, Miss. That R. S. Gavin of Quitman preach the Associational sermon at 11 o'clock A. M. on the first day of the Association. Alternate, A. J. Thames.

That D. W. Bosdell be appointed as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with W. H. Patton as alternate.

That R. A. Venable, L. A. Duncan, W. H. Patton, D. W. Bosdell, C. F. Woods, J. D. Cook, R. S. Gavin, W. H. Foster, E. L. Carter, W. L. Brunson Jr., W. E. Sharpe, J. N. Shirley, L. S. Hardee be appointed delegates to the State Convention.

That the following members be appointed as Executive Committee to attend to any business of the Association between the sessions:—J. D. Cook, Chairman, W. E. Sharpe, C. E. Roberts, E. B. McRaven and M. W. Buckley.

Respectfully,

C. C. DUNN,
R. S. GAVIN,
W. H. FOSTER,
L. A. DUNCAN.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:—Your committee beg leave to submit the following supplementary report, to wit:—That sister Georgia D. Phillips be appointed Vice President of Woman's Work within the Association for the ensuing year.

Respectfully,

C. C. DUNN, *Chairman.*

Brethren Mason and Powell of Souinlovie were excused from further attendance.

On motion, session adjourned to reconvene at 7 P. M.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Hackett.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional service began promptly at 7 o'clock. Singing by choir and prayer by Bro. Cook, of South Side, Meridian and Bro. L. A. Duncan.

Bro. A. V. Rowe, of Winona, who was to share this session with Bro. Venable was recognized and spoke to the subject of Missions in general.

Bro. Rowe was followed by Bro. Venable on the same subject.

On suggestion of the moderator a collection for Missions was taken which resulted in the sum of \$12.04.

On motion, the reports on Foreign, State and Home Missions and Twentieth Century Movement were adopted.

On motion, session adjourned with prayer by Bro. Venable.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional service led by Bro. C. C. Dunn at 9:20 o'clock.

The Sunday School Work which had been set for this hour was called.

Bro. Sumrall made a motion to the effect that discussion on this report be deferred until some future time, but failed, not having a second.

The discussion was then entered into led by Bro. L. A. Duncan.

On motion, this report was adopted and the report on Colportage was called and presented by Bro. L. A. Duncan as chairman of the committee on this work.

COLPORTAGE.

An erroneous idea prevails among our people in regard to Colportage. Many evidently think it consists almost wholly in selling books. That is a mistake. Its prime object is to carry the Gospel to the homes. Thus it fulfils the "Go" of the Redeemer's last command. Secondly, it is to instruct by personal conversation and preaching as "opportunity" occurs. Third, it indoctrinates by circulating the Bible and sound religious literature.

There are hundreds of families so situated that they can seldom, if ever, attend public worship. Some of the members cannot leave home; others are indifferent, or do not want to go. Children grow up under such influences.

House to house visitation is the only way to reach these people. Colportage furnishes the visitor, and through his labors, under God's blessing, Sunday Schools are established and churches instituted. Even regular church goers may be strengthened and developed by this agency.

Many of our churches have preaching only once a month, and numbers of them have no Sunday Schools at all. The literature of other denominations is scattered around, and the members hear other than Baptist doctrine, if they attend other services fully three fourths of their time. In such fields, a Baptist colporteur is needed with the books including doctrinal works. It is surprising to find how many families are without a Bible, while more that scarcely read them, much less study "the word." But there is a field of even greater destitution—a scope of country where a preacher is only occasionally seen, possibly never heard, by hundreds. This region needs a special attention, and cannot be supplied by the living ministry at his own charges. Colportage would seem to be the only hope to take the Gospel to these people. Mormonism is reaching after them not only by personal visitation but by the printed page. Baptist churches may be in some places, but they are few and far between. Selling books is a secondary consideration with a true Colporter. He cannot afford to give them away indiscriminately, hence he sells them at low prices. His work is intended to be strictly missionary. Books are his help.

AMENDMENT:—*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Association that the Apportionment committee should make an apportionment for Colportage work, and that the Executive Committee should arrange to put a Colporter in the field.

After some discussion on this subject by Brethren L. A. Duncan, J. A. Hackett, D. G. Robinson and C. C. Dunn, the report was adopted with the attached amendment presented by Bro. C. C. Dunn.

Moderator then called Bro. C. C. Dunn to the chair and presented the report on Temperance, he being chairman of that committee.

TEMPERANCE.

We note with pleasure the continued progress of this moral reform in Mississippi and throughout the United States.

There has been a steady growth of intelligent sentiment in favor of total abstinence, and prohibition of the legalized liquor traffic.

Agitation has enlightened the masses, opinion has deepened into conviction that a Christian cannot in any way aid or abet the business now so universally condemned without being untrue to God and disloyal to the best interests of the State and Nation. We, as a denomination, claiming as churches to be composed of baptized believers, cannot cease our antagonism to the greatest evil of the age.

With the ignorant and depraved of this State disfranchised, and nearly the entire State under prohibition, we should now ask our Christian Governor to recommend the Legislature to give statutory prohibition for the entire State at the short session.

It is with pride that we welcome Monroe to the ranks of the dry counties.

Madison county is dominated by the saloon two years longer through the influence of the liquor trust in the shape of bribes and the vitiated consciences of the professed Christians of Canton. We believe that a minister or church member, who, by his indifference, his influence or his vote helps to perpetuate and protect this terrible crime against society, (the sin against God,) the liquor traffic, thereby becomes partaker of other men's sins and is guilty before God. We again urge a better enforcement of the law we have

on the statute book. When we tolerate immoralities which we could break up, we virtually become responsible for them.

We extend thanks to the United States Congress for abolishing the infamous canteen system.

We recommend that the following protests be reaffirmed:—

1. Against that policy of our national government known as the "Federal tax of intoxicating liquors, whereby this government and every citizen possessed of the right of suffrage, as an integral part of the government, is made a partner in the liquor business.

2. Against the policy of our national government in the issuance of Federal privilege tax to dealers in prohibited districts, thereby encouraging crime and the violation of the State laws.

3. That the sense of this Association is, if a church member visit a saloon, sign whiskey petitions, go on bonds of whiskey sellers, vote for the sale or in any way countenance or encourage the traffic of intoxicating liquors, it is conduct unworthy of a Christian and should be brought under church discipline.

4. That we will withdraw from any church and refuse to receive any church failing or refusing to enforce discipline as set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

On motion, this report was adopted as read. After some discussion led by chairman of committee, followed by Brethren J. A. Hackett and A. V. Rowe.

By permission of Association, the hour for preaching was deferred long enough for Bro. W. H. Patton to read a Memorial to the State Legislature, which with the accompanying resolution was adopted.

MEMORIAL TO THE LEGISLATURE.

The Chickasahay Baptist Association composed of 30 odd churches and representing nearly three thousand citizens in East Mississippi, embraced in the section reaching from Meridian to State Line on the Mobile and Ohio, and to Vossburg on the N. O. and N. E. Railroads, most respectfully petition your honorable body for Statutory or Constitutional prohibition; to enact a law which shall provide that no person within the State of Mississippi shall manufacture, keep for sale, sell, give or furnish any intoxicating liquor, except that which is needed for medicinal, mechanical, scientific and communion purposes. We also petition his honor, Gov. A. H. Longino, to recommend the passage of the above law in his message to the Legislature.

Resolved. That a copy of the report and memorial be sent to each member of the Legislature, Senate and to Gov. A. H. Longino.

Brethren Kennedy, Sinclair, Shed, Martin and Gartin were excused from further attendance at the sessions.

Bro. J. A. Hackett filled the pulpit during preaching hour using Eph. 2:8

Report on Publications was set for 2:30.

After preaching service a collection for General Missions was taken which resulted in \$26.00.

On motion, session adjourned with prayer by Bro. Cook to meet at 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at the close of a sermon by Bro. A. J. Thames, of State Line.

On motion of Bro. Hackett, the following committees were appointed as follows:

Committee on Memorial to the United States Congress, (asking them not to repeal the law abolishing the army canteen)—J. A. Hackett, J. D. Cook, A. V. Rowe and T. W. Shoemaker.

Committee on Education and Mississippi College—J. D. Cook, W. L. Brunson, Jr., A. J. Thames and Jacob Sumrall.

Committee on Ministerial Education—W. L. Brunson, Jr., L. S. Hardee, L. A. Duncan and R. S. Gavin.

By permission of the chairman of the Woman's Work committee who had allotted this hour, the Finance committee made their report which was tabled for future consideration.

Committee on Woman's Work made the following report, presented by Bro. G. C. Johnson.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Christian womanhood is a very important factor in various departments of our church work. Her special qualifications for the splendid work she is doing in the churches today, assigned her by the Holy Scriptures, was for many centuries dormant. But we have only to refer to some of these gifts, which were so long inactive, to appreciate the great advantage which our churches have to day over those of former days. We would mention her gentle and persuasive nature, the strength and purpose of her will, together with her unyielding faith and implicit trust in God. These special gifts prepare her,—not for public leadership,—but for quiet and loving service unto him in whose name she serves. She stands ready and willing to extend a helping hand to every good word and work; doing with her might what her hands find to do. It was left to one thus endowed to pour the precious ointment on the head of our blessed Lord, and by this simple act of love built for her an imperishable monument; for Jesus said: "Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her;" Mat. 26: 13.

Then in consideration of the many deeds of kindness done in our Saviour's name by the good women in the past; of the untold good that is being done in our churches by them at present, and of what remains to be done by them in the future, we can but advise, yea even urge, *all* the good women in *all* the churches of this Association to swell the list and multiply the company of earnest consecrated workers in the vineyard of our Lord.

And it is to their praise, and for their encouragement, that we say of this faithful band of Christian women, that they stand with willing minds and ready hands, not only for every good work in their respective churches, and in the State Mission work as conducted by our State Convention, and also in the Home Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention, but

they also are equally zealous in helping the great Foreign Mission work, fostered by our Convention, under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board. For be it said to their credit and to the praise of God, that these faithful women bear no small part in helping to carry out the command of our Lord: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature;" Mark 16: 15.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. C. JOHNSON,
MRS. G. C. JOHNSON,
MISS MOLLIE LUMBLEY,
MISS GRACE MEADOWS.

On motion, report adopted.

The report, of Vice President, of Woman's Work was read by Bro. Patton for sister Phillips which was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

ASSOCIATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OF WOMAN'S WORK FOR CHICKASAWHAY ASSOCIATION.

After the resignation of Mrs. Woods as Vice-President of Woman's Work the Central Committee requested me to accept the position. At their earnest solicitation I reluctantly consented. I say reluctantly, not for lack of interest in the work but because I felt that it would be impossible for me to give it the attention that its importance demands. I agreed to do the best I could under the circumstances, till the meeting of the Association. I have done little more than encourage the societies already organized, though I believe an interest has been awakened that will, ere long, result in the organization of other societies. I have written quite a number of letters and distributed a good deal of literature which I trust will result in good. To my request for a "Christmas offering" to China, the ladies of several societies and churches responded, fifteen dollars being the result in collections. The response from the literature for "Self Denial" week was not so good, though several dollars was the result. Besides the churches of Meridian, I know of but five that have Woman's Missionary Societies. These are: Stonewall, Shubuta, Harmony, Quitman and the church at Waynesboro. The ladies of these five churches were the ones that responded to my appeal for a "Christmas offering."

I am sorry that I cannot make a better report, but as all my work had to be done by correspondence and I was unacquainted with the women of the churches, I *think* I have done the best that I could. In conclusion, I make this request, that whoever you may select as your Vice President of Woman's Work for another year may have the hearty co-operation of every pastor of this Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

GEORGIE D. PHILLIPS.

Committee on Nominations made the following supplementary report which was adopted without discussion. See report on Nominations, (page 13).

Being the time for report on Orphanage, it was called, but on motion of Bro. A. J. Thames, chairman of committee to reconsider the time for hearing this report, it was deferred until 7 P. M.

The committee on Memorial to the Congress of United States, read the following.

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS

of the United States of America.

The Chickasahay Baptist Association representing a constituency of three thousand (3,000) citizens in East Mississippi most respectfully petition your honorable body not to repeal the law enacted by the last Congress abolishing the army canteen. Unanimously adopted at the last session held at Buckatunna Sept. 21-23 and a copy ordered sent to each of our congressmen and United States Senators.

J. A. HACKETT,
L. B. SHOEMAKER,
J. D. COOK,
A. V. ROWE.

On motion, the committee on Digest of Letters asked and received further time to make their report and send it to clerk.

After considerable discussion session adjourned to meet at 7 P. M.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Johnson.

EVENING SESSION.

The report on Orphanage was called promptly after an opening prayer by Bro. J. M. Phillips, of Shubuta.

The report was presented and discussed by Bro. A. J. Thames, of State Line and followed by Brethren Dunn and Hunter.

THE ORPHANAGE.

The blessed work of caring for the homeless children has grown during the past year, and still other friends have been added to the ranks of those who have so nobly helped in the past.

Rev. L. S. Foster was chosen by the Trustees as Supt. of the Orphanage and later as president of the Board of Trustees. On May 12, 1897 the Orphanage was opened in Jackson in a rented building which was soon filled to its fullest capacity with destitute children.

ENDOWMENT:—It has been the policy of the management to look to God for its endowment, for His promises are our endowment and they are infinitely better than the promises of man.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keep himself unspotted from the world:" James 1: 27.

"A Father of the fatherless is God in His holy habitation". Psalms 68: 5.

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble: the Lord will preserve him and keep him alive: and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies." Psalms 41: 142.

"Our endowment," says Dr. Foster "is found in these divine promises, and we do not wish any endowment which would prevent us from relying directly and implicitly upon God's word." The blessings of God have rested upon the work and new friends have arisen in all parts of the State.

ORPHANAGE PROPERTY:

The property consists of one hundred and twelve acres of valuable suburban land northwest of Jackson, all in fine state of cultivation and it is entirely free from debt. It is easily worth \$5,000 apart from all improvements. Besides this land, there are two neat cottages with six rooms each, painted and furnished, and one of them is insured for three years. These are valued at \$3,000; A Superintendent's home worth \$2,200; business office and printing office, barn and fences \$1,000 more. The entire value of property is aggregated at \$18,000. Besides this, the Home feeds and clothes an average of fifty children each year. Since the work began, ninety-six have been received, and about fifty are there now. Three have died, forty three have gone to friends or private homes. Finding homes for homeless children is itself a great and good work, and the Orphanage has done much of this kind of good. **NEW BUILDING.** The much needed new building is about to materialize. A special effort was made last fall to raise the amount for this building. Bro. A. E. Jennings of Water Valley, began the subscription with \$500, and enough was subscribed to begin the work. At McComb City about \$6,000 was given for this work, and the building is rapidly nearing completion. We would urge all churches in this Association which haven't given, to use this opportunity for enlisting in this work of the Lord.

During the year closing June 1st 1901, \$9,678. 80 was given against \$5,354. 24 for the previous year. Of the amount, last year this Association gave \$168. 60. The reports this year show \$179. 80 given.

Furniture for this new building is much needed. Mrs. Farrington of Memphis recently gave \$200 to fit up the "Minor White Memorial Room for sick children." About one hundred dollars is needed to furnish each of the rooms, besides there are standing and ever present needs for all kinds of supplies as are commonly found necessary in a home. Of course there is a constant need for money, for that will buy any thing that may not be given, and will pay the necessary expenses of the home. We recommend that the committee on Apportionment assign an amount for each church for this cause.

We would heartily recommend the monthly plan of giving for Sunday Schools as this has been found to be practical, and has been adopted by about seventeen Sunday Schools in the State. By economical management, the entire expenses of caring for a child is five dollars per month. There are some Schools that can give enough each month to support a child.

"Behold what great things the Lord hath done for us": and yet, how much there is for us to do for Him. Brethren, let the Orphanage have your prayers, your sympathy, and your money so may we "Go forward" in this great work of the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted

A. J. THAMES, *Chairman,*

W. J. EUTREKIN,

C. A. GARTIN,

Mrs R. S. GAVIN.

After the close of the discussion report was adopted as read.

The hour having arrived for preaching Bro. Rowe filled the pulpit, using Acts 10:1,2. At the close of this sermon a collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$10.19.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby cordially tendered to the Baptists of Buckatunna for their kindness in arranging so admirably for the entertainment; to the other citizens of the town for contributing so generously towards this entertainment; and to the officers for the efficient way in which they have discharged their duties; also to the choir for their splendid music.

A. J. THAMES.

Report on Publications was called and presented by Bro. R. S. Gavin and spoke to by Bro. A. V. Rowe.

PUBLICATIONS.

The world has never immortalized a greater falsehood than the quotation from Gray: "Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise." The Twentieth Century is destined to undo some things; error, wounded must die among her worshippers; truth, though she has been abused must be not only exalted, but enthroned. The future church member will worship less creed and more divine truth. We are already discarding the old theory that it makes no difference what one believes so long as he is conscientious. Ignorance is weakness regardless of conscience, and falsehood is none the less deplorable because it is couched in religious creeds, and none the less dangerous because it wears the livery of truth and righteousness. These considerations make it not only the duty of every Baptist in the land to be an apostle of truth; but teacher as well. And perhaps in no other way can one disseminate truth more successfully than by espousing the cause of good books and religious literature. Our Baptist people are too slow to learn that in the printing press we have our opportunities to teach the world what the Lord has said and what He is doing now. Baptist literature for Baptists ought to be the watchword of every Baptist within the bounds of this Association.

We heartily recommend *The Baptist*, our State paper, *The Foreign Mission Journal*, *The Home Field* and ORPHANAGE GEM, and endorse the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, Pa., is sowing the land thick with good books, religious leaflets and tracts. May that Society not expect us to give them our support and patronage whenever we can do so? Our Sunday schools, Ladies' Societies and so on might do great and good service in giving to our publications their influence and support. We give these publications our support because it is our duty to do so and we should remember that every dollar turned into them enables them to turn something better out to us. No publication can do its best without the best support of every man for whose interest it exists. Our Missionary Journals for instance can only do their best when every Baptist within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention does his best for the Journals. Our pub-

lications can help the cause only as we help them. We recommend that every Baptist in our Association study our publications from the standpoint of his obligations to them and the cause they represent. (Signed)

R. S. GAVIN *Chairman*,
S. GORDON,
H. M. DAVIS,
JNO. M. CARMICHAEL.

After which it was adopted as read.

On motion, session adjourned with prayer by Bro. Rowe, to meet at 8 A. M. Monday.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional services conducted by Bro. G. C. Johnson.

Bro. L. A. Duncan was called to the chair while the moderator, W. H. Patton, read the Executive committee report as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The debt due the American Baptist Publication Society and Bro. Duncan has been cancelled. Rev. J. R. Farish was endorsed as missionary at Vossburg and authorized to collect funds to repair the church house if found practicable.

Rev. J. M. Phillips was endorsed as colporter for the Association.

Fifth Sunday meetings were held at Enterprise and Mt. Gilead and they were the best meetings we have ever held, and we feel that good was done. No disposition has been made of the Vossburg church building.

Brethren were appointed to write the several reports for this session of the Association, and the admirable reports read by them show how well they responded.

Sunday School Institute was held one day in advance of the Association. We make no recommendations for this year.

(Signed)

W. H. PATTON, *Chairman*.

After some discussion, this report was adopted as read.

The report on Sustentation was called and presented by Bro. J. A. Hackett, followed by Brethren Cook, Johnson and Patton and adopted.

SUSTENTATION.

The word "sustentation" has come to mean the support of aged and disabled ministers, their wives and widows. The word therefore describes one of our noblest charities. Indeed it involves and expresses one of the highest principles of our blessed and holy religion. "We love God because He first loved us" and we serve Him because He first served us and not because

we would induce Him to serve us. In a word, our salvation comes to us from God, full and free, and through it we are made the sons of God; and after that, He says to us and in consideration thereof: "Son, go work today in my vineyard."

Now on a like principle, these dear old people our "aged and disabled ministers" have loved and served the churches of Christ, a lifetime of devotion, of patient and tireless service, and all they received at the time of that service was often a very scanty support out of which they have saved absolutely nothing, nor could they, for the infirmities of age and disability.

Is it not then on a par with, nay, is it not "good religion" itself to render them this much needed service as their rightful meed and our bounden duty? There is the element of gain, of reflex material good in all other forms of Christian benevolence, in ministerial education, pastoral support, Sunday schools, colportage, Missions and Orphanage, and we expect a good progress in them of material returns, but in this exalted charity, it is a service for which no such return may be expected, absolutely none is possible.

The only return possible after the gratitude of the dear old veterans, is the divine favor and blessing, and is not that enough, even better, than the finest gold of earth?

Most or all civilized nations provide for their disabled soldiers and sailors and other government servants with liberal pensions from the public treasury. Shall we of our Lord and Saviour's Kingdom be less grateful to Him and His faithful soldiers, or less provident for their material support? God forbid! We gave a small fraction over five hundred dollars for this cause the last conventional year, and the Lord only knows how much relief it brought to some almost destitute homes. Shall we not at least double that amount this year and thus do a real and noble religious thing, light up a lot of sombre homes by cheering the hearts of their hitherto almost neglected inmates, and secure for ourselves a large measure of the divine blessing?

May God help all of our people and churches to remember our dear old worn out ministerial brethren this year with one or more liberal contributions?

J. A. HACKETT,
J. F. MARTIN,
J. W. MILLS,
F. R. McILWAIN.

On motion, the Financial committee's report was called from table and adopted as follows:

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

Your committee reports the following contributions sent up by the churches and disbursements as follows:

For State Missions.....	\$ 4 15
" Home ".....	14 50
" Foreign ".....	30 91
" Sustentation.....	4 35
" Orphanage.....	1 26
" Minutes.....	49 96
" General Missions.....	13 85
Total.....	\$118 98

By amount handed to C. E. Roberts, Clerk and Treas. \$118.98.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. C. DUNN, Chairman.

Committee on Education and Mississippi College was called and presented the following report which was adopted as read:

EDUCATION AND MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

The late hour of the session of this body in which your committee was appointed, precludes as full a report as is desirable.

It is not a question now as to whether we *ought* to educate our children; but the anxious, burning question with many parents is, how shall we do this, and what schools shall our children attend?

We have in this State two splendid female institutions—Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, Miss. and Hillman College at Clinton, Miss. Then we have our own Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss., for boys and young men. Mississippi Baptists should consider well the facilities for a thorough education, offered by these institutions before placing their children in other schools, or sending them out of the State.

It is the earnest desire of the Trustees of Mississippi College to raise by July 2, 1902, an endowment fund of \$60,000. The American Baptist Education Society offers to give \$14, 550 for this purpose, provided we raise \$45,450 either in cash or in legally valid subscriptions, or notes, by the above named time. If this is done, Mississippi College will then have an endowment of \$100,000.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. D. COOK,
W. L. BRUNSON JR.,
A. J. THAMES,
JACOB SUMRALL.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Bro. W. L. Brunson, Jr. and adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In this advanced age of literary attainments there seems to be an almost imperative demand for an educated ministry. The time has been when an uneducated ministry could accomplish a great work, but to a considerable extent their ability or influence has gradually weakened because of the progress that has been made throughout the entire country on educational lines. It occurs to us that one who is called of God to preach His everlasting Gospel is making too great a sacrifice and taking upon himself too grave a responsibility in not first equipping himself fully for the work that is placed upon him. Being surrounded with educational institutions on almost every side, there seems to be very little excuse if any at all for a minister to fail to obtain at least a practical literary education if not however a through theological training. Let us urge upon them the necessity and importance of attending our denominational school which is located at Clinton, known as Mississippi College, also the Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

It is not only our duty to urge upon them this, but it is our indispensible duty as Christians, as churches, and as an Association to assist them in every possible way to take advantage of those schools. We fear that we have allowed other denominations to excel us along this line which means to excel on various other lines.

It is our opinion that to increase a minister's education tenfold means an increase in his usefulness at least one hundred fold.

If this estimate is not exaggerated; to look at it from a business point of view we would consider it a very profitable investment. If so, it is none the less profitable if considered from a moral or spiritual standpoint. Taking into consideration the seeming scarcity of ministers, and that there are so few being called of God to take the places of the older ones, who are rapidly passing out, it seems to us that it is utterly impossible to over estimate the importance of an educated ministry.

We recommend and urge that as we have two ordained ministers at Mississippi college, from within the bounds of our Association, viz: E. W. Farr and H. H. Webb, that the churches of this Association do what they can toward the support of those young brethren.

W. L. BRUNSON, JR.,

R. S. GAVIN,

L. A. DUNCAN,

L. S. HARDEE.

Bro. L. A. Duncan presented a supplementary report of Credential committee. He reports that "only twenty-four of the churches composing this Association have been represented at this session; of this number two were represented by letter only. Of the twenty-four represented, twenty-three have Sunday schools."

On motion, report was adopted.

On motion, the report on B. Y. P. U. work was adopted.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

Organization is the order of the day. Not to be organized is to be overrun or suppressed. The church must organize its departments of work or make uncertain progress. Definite directions are not given in the New Testament as to methods; but the work is plainly indicated under general instructions.

Sunday schools, Woman's societies, and Young People's Unions are not new departures, only new methods of carrying out the Redeemer's last commands. All are based on Bible instruction and study of God's word. They have been called forth by the need of the times, and Christian development. Other denominations are pressing along the line.

Young people must have something to do, and Satan knows it so well that he provides many ways and means to draw them under his influence. Saloons elegantly fitted up, and dancing halls are made attractive, while attention is given to comfort and entertainment. It is the duty of Christians to provide something better for our young people; something to build them up in faith and doctrine. Unions, so far, are the most successful in doing this, and should be encouraged till we get something better. The Forty-first Avenue church, it seems, has the only Union in the Association.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That the clerk be authorized to have a sufficient number of minutes printed and distributed and that he be allowed \$20.00 for his services.

Resolved, That a page of the minutes be appropriated to memorial records of deceased members since our last session.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to allot a space in the Associational minutes for the proceeding of the Sunday school Institute.

On motion, session adjourned with the hymn, "God be with You," during which the parting hand was given.

Dismissed with prayer to meet Wednesday before the fourth Lord's day in Sept., 1902.

W. H. PATTON, *Moderator*,

C. E. ROBERTS, *Clerk and Treas.*

APPORTIONMENT

Report of committee on apportionment of amounts to be raised for Missions by the churches within our bounds. These amounts include State, Home and Foreign Missions:

Buckatunna	\$ 50
Big Creek	50
Concord	25
Clear Creek	25
Chicora	25
DeSoto	25
Enterprise	50
Fairfield	50
Fair Mount	25
Harmony	25
Hepzibah	15
Meridian 1st Church	800
Meridian 15th Ave	250
Meridian 41st Ave	300
Meridian South Side	25
Meridian 7th Ave	5
Mount Zion	25
Mount Gilead	75
New Hope	10
Oak Grove	25
Pleasant Grove	25
Pachuta	35
Poplar Springs	40
Quitman	50
Waynesboro	75
Shubuta	50
Stonewall	50

R. A. VENABLE, *Chairman of committee.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To balance from last year	\$ 45
To cash from Finance committee	118 98
To cash from collection	48 23
To cash from Meridian Baptist Church	5 00
Total	\$172 66

DISBURSEMENTS

By printing of minutes.....	1	\$ 27 00
By check to A. V. Rowe.....		101 45
By postage and drayage.....		7 50
By clerk's fee.....		20 00
By check to L. S. Foster, Orphanage.....		11 45
By check to Sustentation.....		4 35
Cash on hand.....		91
Total		\$172 66

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Barnett—Not represented. Church weakened, but has house of worship, and plans are being laid for pulpit supply.

Big Creek—Net loss 23. Paid the pastor, W. E. Fail, \$40.00. Sunday School 52, W. S. Thigg Supt., Waynesboro. Total outlay \$95.00 for all purposes. Church property \$500. Baptized from Sunday School, none.

Buckatunna—Net gain 15. Paid the pastor, R. S. Gavin, \$175. Sunday school 42, W. B. Hooks, Supt. Total outlay \$193.55. Church property \$1,500. Baptized from Sunday school, none.

Clear Creek—Net gain 4. Paid the pastor, \$45. Sunday school 23, Supt. not named. House of worship not mentioned, [last year reported as \$150.] Total outlay \$59. Baptized from Sunday school, not reported.

Chicora—Not represented. Weakened by removals. No regular pastor and no societies. Has a Sunday school.

Concord—Not represented. J. M. Phillips, pastor. Sunday school. No report. Church property \$400.

DeSoto—Net loss 4. Paid the pastor, \$100. Sunday school 46, Geo. B. Porter, Supt. Total outlay \$160.07. Church property \$500. Baptized from Sunday school, none.

Enterprise—Net gain 2. Paid the pastor, J. A. Hackett, \$200. Sunday school 81, M. W. Buckley, Supt. Church property \$500. Total outlay \$246.45. No societies reported. Baptized from Sunday school, three.

Fairfield—Net loss 7. Paid the pastor, W. A. Roper, \$100. Sunday school 40, name of Supt., not given. Church property \$400. Total outlay \$122.75. No societies. Baptized from Sunday school, not reported.

Fairmont—Net loss 4. Paid the pastor, W. F. West, \$36. Sunday school 20, W. Atkinson Supt.

Fifteenth Ave., Meridian—Net gain 3. Paid the pastor, G. C. Johnson, \$600. Sunday school 126, Geo. W. Yarbrough, Supt. Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. W. N. Ethridge, Pres. Church property, \$2500. Total outlay, \$937.80. Pastor's home, \$1250.

Fortyfirst Ave. Meridian—Net gain 60 in eight months. Paid the pastor, D. W. Bosdell, \$600. Sunday school 212, E. D. Roberts, Supt. Ladies Aid Society, Mrs. P. C. Smith, Pres. B. Y. P. U., C. E. Roberts, Pres. Total outlay, 1,296.32. Church property, \$2,500. Sunbeams, Miss. Angie Lloyd Pres. Baptized from Sunday school, 22.

Harmony—Net gain 3. Paid the pastor, R. S. Gavin, Quitman, \$60. Sunday school 54, W. S. Dobbs, Supt. Crane P. O. Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. W. N. McLeod Pres. Church property, \$500. Total outlay, 81.05. Baptized from Sunday school, 1.

Hepzibah—Not represented. R. W. Sumrall, pastor last year. Sunday school, F. C. Stallings, Supt. Church property, \$250.

Highlands Meridian—Not represented. Has house of worship 1,600. Sunday school last year. Occasional preaching.

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Mt. Zion—Net loss 2. Paid the pastor, H. M. Mason, \$100. Sunday school 65, W. F. Busby, Supt., Buckatunna. Church property, \$300. Total outlay, \$151.75. Baptized from Sunday school three.

New Hope—Not represented. Pastor last year, B. S. Lucas. No Sunday school nor societies.

Oak Grove—No increase. Paid the pastor, H. A. Pickard, Meridian, \$48. Sunday school 41, J. Sumrall, Supt., Shubuta. Church property, \$600. Total outlay, \$60.80. Baptized from Sunday school 3.

Pachuta—Net loss 2. Paid the pastor, J. A. Hackett, \$140. Sunday school 44, J. H. Rogers, Supt. Church property, \$800. Total outlay, \$179.45. No societies. Baptized from Sunday school none.

Pleasant Grove—(Letter,) net gain 4. Paid the pasror,

J. M. Phillips, Shubuta, \$75. No Sunday school nor societies. Total outlay, \$110.55. Church property, \$200.

Poplar Springs—Net gain 4. Paid the pastor, G. C. Johnson, \$75. Sunday school 65, R. A. Jackson, Supt., Lucile P. O. No church property. No societies. Total outlay, \$119.85. Baptized from Sunday school 3.

Quitman—Net gain 2. Paid the pastor, G. W. Knight, \$180. Sunday school 66, G. L. Donald, Supt. Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. R. S. Gavin, Pres. Church property, \$500. Total outlay, \$250.

Seventh Ave., Meridian—Net gain 2. Paid the pastor, nominal, D. A. Covington, Zero P. O. Sunday school 103, L. A. Duncan, acting Supt. Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. S. D. Welch, Pres. Total outlay, \$40. Property in use, \$300.

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Souinlovie—Admitted this session. Net gain 25. Paid the pastor, L. E. Lightsey, pastor, Heidelberg, \$90. Sunday school 59, R. M. Read, Jr., Pachuta, Supt. Church property, \$500. Total outlay, \$476. Baptized from Sunday school 9.

South Side, Meridian—Net gain 16. Paid the pastor, J. D. Cook, \$600. Sunday school 167, G. E. Farr, Supt. Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. J. R. Phillips, Pres. Church property, \$500. Total outlay, \$938.18. Baptized from Sunday school 3.

State Line—Net gain 4. Paid A. J. Thames, pastor, \$150. Sunday school 50, A. J. Thames, Supt. Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. H. I. Donovan, Pres. Church property, \$800. Total outlay, \$185.75. Baptized from Sunday school none.

Stonewall—Net gain 17. W. A. Roper, pastor, salary not noted. Sunday school 146, G. W. Harper, Supt. Church house, \$2,500. Pastor's home, \$500. Total outlay reported, \$30.15. Baptized from Sunday school 12.

Union—Net gain 3. Paid the pastor, R. S. Gavin, \$125. Sunday school 51, W. L. Brunson, Sr., Supt. Church property, \$600. Total outlay, \$246.10. Baptized from Sunday school 4.

Waynesboro, Salem—Net loss 2. Paid the pastor, A. J. Thames, \$150. Sunday school 110, G. W. Hemeter, Supt. Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. L. D. McAlister, Pres. Church property, \$1,000. Total outlay, \$264.65. Baptized from Sunday school 2.

Vosburg—No definite report for several years. Has a good house of worship which needs repairs.

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1876 Dec. 2	Shubuta	W. D. Northrup	F. C. McGehee	M. E. Norris	W. D. Northrup	599
1877 Nov. 3	Enterprise	O. D. Bowen	"	F. C. McGehee	T. J. Walne	609
1878 Nov 29	State Line	"	"	J. P. Sealbrook	O. D. Bowen	696
1879 Sept. 3	Shubuta	W. D. Northrup	"	F. C. McGehee	W. B. Crampton	717
1880 " 3	Meridian	W. D. Northrup	"	"	J. M. Phillips	634
1881 " 2	Quitman	J. M. Phillips	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	581
1882 " 22	Buckatuna	J. W. Bozeman	"	"	W. West	778
1883 " 28	Enterprise	"	"	"	W. H. Carroll	932
1884 " 26	Shubuta	"	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	1013
1885 " 25	Ellisville	"	"	"	L. M. Stone	1054
1886 " 24	Quitman	"	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	1339
1887 " 23	Heidelberg	S. O. Y. Ray	W. M. Conner	"	L. E. Hall	1502
1888 " 27	Hattiesburg	J. W. Bozeman	"	"	T. S. Powell	1770
1889 " 27	Waynesboro	"	"	"	J. B. Gambrell	2018
1890 " 26	Ellisville	"	"	"	J. A. Hackett	2350
1891 " 25	Meridian	"	"	"	G. W. Knight	2316
1892 " 22	Shubuta	"	"	"	J. A. Hackett	2426
1893 " 21	Sandersville	"	"	"	A. V. Rowe	2435
1894 " 20	Enterprise	"	"	"	C. G. Elliott	2644
1895 Oct. 3	Pachuta	L. M. Stone	J. S. Hardee	C. F. Woods	R. A. Venable	2281
1896 " 1	Mt. Gilead	"	"	"	W. J. David	2233
1897 Nov 27	Quitman	R. A. Venable	"	"	R. A. Hackett	2500
1898 Sept 24	South S. Meridian	"	"	"	J. A. Hackett	2731
1899 " 23	Fairfield	W. J. David	C. E. Roberts	C. E. Roberts	R. A. Venable	2811
1900 " 22	Stonewall	W. H. Patton	"	"	G. C. Johnson	2738
1901 " 21	Buckatuna	"	"	"	J. D. Cook	

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STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1.

CHURCHES	POST OFFICE	PASTORS	CLERKS	Baptized	By Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dis. by letter	Deceased	Dropped	Total Membership	Sunday school Scholars	Officers and Teachers
Big Creek	Waynesboro	W. E. Fail	D. A. Hutts	7			20	2	1		100	47	6
Buckatunna	Buckatunna	R. S. Gavin	J. C. Ellis	8	4						44	30	6
Barnett	Barnett	J. M. Phillips	J. R. West		3	1					44	20	3
Clear Creek	Shubuta	J. M. Phillips	J. R. West								44		
Chicora	Chicora	J. M. Phillips									54	40	6
Concord	Diaz	J. M. Phillips	Geo. B. Porter		1	1		1		5	70	75	6
DeSoto	DeSoto	R. S. Gavin	H. R. Ward	3	6		1	6			100		
Enterprise	Enterprise	J. A. Hackett	Wyatt Martin	1	2			10			48	20	7
Fairfield	Eucutta	W. A. Roper	H. A. Chapman					4			200	115	11
Fairmount	Shubuta	W. F. West	C. O. McLemore	1	7	1		6	1		182	200	12
^ Fifteenth Ave.	Meridian	G. C. Johnson	E. D. Roberts	27	53	5		11		14	46	47	7
Forty-first Ave.	Meridian	D. W. Bosdell	J. R. Red. Jr.	2	6			2	1		44		
Harmony	Crane	R. S. Gavin									44		
Hepzibah	Shubuta										44		
Highlands	Meridian										44		
Lauderdale											44		
Meridian	Meridian	R. A. Venable	E. H. Carter	43	24		4	22	2		508	225	21
Mount Zion	Winchester	H. M. Mason	C. D. O'Gwynne	4	2	2		5	2	3	92	59	6
Mount Gilead	Gilead	J. R. Farish	W. H. Ross	9		3	1	9	1		172	30	4
New Hope											24		
Oak Grove	Shubuta	H. A. Pickard	I. Sumrall	5				4	1		55	35	6
Pachuta	Pachuta	J. A. Hackett	J. H. Rogers		7			9			79	38	6
Pleasant Grove	Vossburg	J. M. Phillips	D. L. Goodwin	5	1			2			54	60	5
Poplar Springs	Lucile	G. C. Johnson	J. B. Sharp	4	2			2	1		62	79	7
Quitman	Quitman	G. W. Knight	M. E. Lott		6		2	2	1		32	95	8
Seventh Ave	Meridian	D. A. Covington	J. R. Steinwinder		6			3	3		54	62	8
Shubuta	Shubuta	J. A. Hackett	J. M. Ulmer	2	7			7			28	52	7
Souinlovie	Wantubee	L. E. Lightsey	E. C. Nix	10	18			3			85	160	7
South Side	Meridian	J. D. Cook	J. G. Walker	6	20		1	8	2		100	50	6
State Line	State Line	A. J. Thames	W. L. Ethridge	2	3			1			220	133	13
Stonewall	Stonewall	W. A. Roper	H. C. Riley	12	21			16			106	45	6
Union	Roy	R. S. Gavin	W. L. Brunson, Jr.	7	1	1		5	1		106	100	10
Waynesboro	Waynesboro	A. J. Thames	W. M. McAlister	4	3			1			4		
Vossburg													
Total				162	203	14	31	146	18	22	2598	1817	184

*Not represented. Total membership of churches not represented at this meeting 168. Grand total 2706

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								\$25.00				\$ 4 00		\$1 00		\$25 00	\$ 95 00
Big Creek	\$ 40										10 75	4 88		3 00			193 55
Buckatunna	175																
Barnett*								9 25		1 25		1 50		1 00			60 00
Clear Creek	45	1 00	1 00														
Chicora																	
Concord*								15 00		3 67	21 10	13 60		2 50			158 37
DeSoto	100		1 50	1 00			7 45				30 00		5 00	4 00			266 20
Enterprise	200	13 50		6 25										1 50			121 75
Fairfield	100	10 00	8 25	2 00													37 00
Fairmount	36		1 00								175 82			4 00	149 52	12 46	1086 82
Fifteenth Ave.	600	12 35	64 60	68 10			80 00			6 25	204 00	48 52	342 93	2 50			1296 32
Forty-first Ave.	600		6 06	6 06				4 00				4 50	1 70	1 50			81 05
Harmony*	60																
Hepzibah*																	
Highlands*																	
Lauderdale*																	
Meridian	1800	300 00	200 00	300 00		50		100 00	75 00	100 00	525 00	103 00		5 00		125 00	3683 00
Mount Zion	100	12 00	4 00				7 40	6 00				13 85		2 00	5 23		150 84
Mount Gilead	125	4 00	3 30	3 30						3 80	5 60			3 00		3 75	151 75
New Hope*																	
Oak Grove	48			1 26				1 00		1 26	5 00	4 00	1 00	1 26			62 78
Pachuta	140		6 20					23 05		7 00				3 20			179 45
Pleasant Grove	75	3 70	5 50	4 45			13 00			6 00			2 90	1 50			112 05
Poplar Springs	75		7 00	31 35						5 00				1 50			119 85
Quitman	180		48 00					20 50						2 50			251 00
Seventh Ave																	
Shubuta	200	21 00	45 65	17 60	20 00		4 00	26 00		35 96	64 50	23 41	12 00	2 50		12 00	484 62
Souinlovie	60				2 50						406 00	6 00		1 50			476 00
South Side	600	28 03	13 65	21 35			2 75	29 13	4 35		179 79	24 53	12 00	2 50		15 00	933 08
State Line	150	2 50	2 00	2 50						15 75		12 00	1 00	1 00			186 75
Stonewall					4 15							23 00		3 00			30 15
Union	125		13 00	73 55						7 00	56 00	3 00		2 50			220 05
Waynesboro	150	10 55		2 00	56 00					18 50	15 00	12 50					264 55
Vossburg*																	
Total	\$5784	\$418.60	\$430.71	\$487.77	\$92.	\$50.	\$114.60	\$258.93	\$79.35	\$211.44	1698.56	\$30.22	\$378.53	53.96	\$134.75	\$193.21	10701.62

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E. B. McRAVEN,
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A REQUEST.

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Yours for the Cause,

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Twenty-Seventh Annual Session

—OF THE—

Chickasaw Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

Shubuta Baptist Church,

September 24-26, 1902.

OFFICERS:

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W. A. ROPER, Clerk and Treasurer.....Stonewall, Miss

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PLACE—Enterprise, Miss.
TIME—Wednesday, (Sept. 23) before the 4th Lord's
Day in Sept., 1903, at 9:30 a. m.
PREACHER—Austin J. Thames, Waynesboro, Miss.
ALTERNATE—W. A. Roper, Stonewall, Miss.

TELL FARMER,
PRINTER AND STATIONER,
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W. E. FAIRCHILD, .	Meridian,	ALICE GIBSON, . .	Meridian,
MARIAH STEVENS, . .	Crane,	MRS. E. L. JONES, .	Meridian,
JNO. TOUCHSTONE, .	Vossburg,	MRS. N. C. LUMBLEY,	Meridian,
JAS. ENGLEBERT, .	Stonewall,	MRS. H. W. MORTON,	Meridian,
DOLLIE DAY, . . .	Stonewall,	H. B. MOSS, . . .	Vossburg,
W. D. WHATLEY, .	Stonewall,	EDNA CRAFT, . . .	Vossburg,
C. M. GRAY, . .	Waynesboro,	J. E. GOODWIN, . .	Vossburg,
MRS. MARY GRAY, .	Waynesboro,	BUCK STEVENS, . .	Vossburg.

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J. D. Cook, . . .	Meridian,	J. M. Phillips, . . .	Shubuta,
F. H. Culp, . . .	Powe,	C. S. Ray, . . .	Quitman,
E. A. Clark, . . .	Stonewall,	W. A. Roper, . . .	Stonewall,
J. O. Crawford, . . .	Clinton,	D. V. Riley, . . .	DeSoto,
J. R. Farish, . . .	Meridian,	R. H. Shamberger, . . .	Gilead,
R. S. Gavin, . . .	Quitman,	R. W. Sumrall, . . .	Shubuta,
A. Gressett, . . .	Meridian,	J. R. Steinwinder, . . .	Meridian,
J. A. Hackett, . . .	Meridian,	A. J. Thames, . . .	Waynesboro,
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SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Convened with Shubuta Baptist church, Sept. 23, 1902.
After devotional exercises by Bro. Bosdell, the body was called to order by Pres. Patton.

On motion, permanent organization was effected by the re-election of Bro. Patton, Moderator, and the election of D. W. Bosdell, Secretary.

The following subjects were discussed:

9:30 a. m.—“The Sunday-school,” by L. A. Duncan, W. H. Patton, D. W. Bosdell.

11 a. m.—“What Constitutes an Evergreen Sunday-school?” by Jacob Sumrall, J. A. Hackett.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p. m.—Devotional exercises by Bro. Thames.

2:30 p. m.—“The Best Method of Increasing Attendance,” by Brethren Thames, Bosdell, Duncan, Sumrall, Carmichael, Phillips.

Adjourned till 7:30.

Reconvened at 7:30. Devotional exercises by Bro. Farish.

“The Consecration of the Sunday-school Teacher,” by Brethren Roper, Hackett, Johnson.

The Institute adjourned sine die.

PROCEEDINGS.

Shubuta, Miss., Wednesday Sept. 24, 1902.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met in its twenty-seventh annual session and came to order in singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Devotional exercises were conducted by A. J. Thames, who read the 73rd Psalm. Former Moderator, Patton, announced the Association ready for business.

On motion, D. W. Bosdell, H. R. Ward were appointed a committee on enrollment, who reported messengers present as follows:

Big Creek—S. J. Lee.

Buckatunna—D. W. Risen.

Barnett—Not represented.

Clear Creek—W. Z. West, W. A. Reid, W. H. Elkins.

Chicora—Not represented.

Concord—J. W. Menasco, D. T. Robinson.

DeSoto—Jno. M. Carmichael, J. N. Shirley.

Enterprise—H. R. Ward, W. A. Roper.

Fairfield—Albert Rogers, J. F. Martin, J. A. W. Lowrey.

Fifteenth Ave. Meridian—G. C. Johnson, Moody Price, W. E. Sharp.

Forty-first Ave. Meridian—D. W. Bosdell, L. A. Duncan, C. E. Roberts, Miss Angie Lloyd, Miss Mattie Bruce, J. R. Farish.

Harmony—Earl Dabbs, D. R. Red, Jr.

Highlands—Not represented.

Lauderdale—Not represented.

Meridian, First Church—R. A. Venable, J. A. Hackett, J. H. Holder, Mrs. W. R. Woods.

Mt. Zion—W. J. Busby.

Mt. Gilead—T. G. Pigford.

New Hope—By letter.

Oak Grove—J. Sumrall, R. W. Sumrall.

Pachuta—D. R. Rogers.

Pleasant Grove—T. Shoemaker.

Poplar Springs—Miss Jennie Kelly.

Quitman—R. S. Gavin, G. L. Donald, C. C. McNeil.

Seventh Ave. Meridian—J. H. Raley, Miss Mollie Lumbley.

Shubuta—W. H. Patton, T. B. Shoemaker, J. M. Phillips.

Souinlovie—B. L. Powell, N. C. Powell.

South Side—By letter.

State Line—Not represented.

Stonewall—J. W. Tucker, J. D. Priester, H. C. Riley.

Union—W. L. Brunson, Sr., W. L. Brunson, Jr., Miss Kizzie Brunson.

Waynesboro (Salem)—W. C. Tatum, Joe Tatum, A. J. Thames, Mrs. A. J. Thames, T. J. Gray, W. B. Falconer.

Voasburg—Not represented.

The Association went into permanent organization which resulted in the re-election of W. H. Patton, moderator, and the election of W. A. Roper, clerk and treasurer.

On motion of A. J. Thames the moderator was empowered to appoint all necessary committees.

On motion of D. W. Bosdell, 7:30 p. m. was made the special hour for the Associational sermon.

On motion of J. A. Hackett, the moderator was authorized to appoint a committee on "Denominational Education."

On motion of R. A. Venable the time for meeting was arranged as follows: Meet 9 a. m., adjourn 12 m.; meet 2:30 p. m., adjourn 5; meet 7:30, adjourn at will.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 2:30.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2:30 and was led in prayer by G. C. Johnson.

The moderator announced the following committees:

On Finance—C. C. McNeil, A. J. Thames, Moody Price.

On motion of R. A. Venable, the reading of the church letters was dispensed with and a committee on credentials and digest of letters was appointed.

Committee—L. A. Duncan, Jno. M. Carmichael, H. C. Riley.

On Sunday-schools—G. L. Donald, Jno. M. Carmichael, H. C. Riley, Miss Angie Lloyd.

Our Home Missions—R. S. Gavin, W. E. Sharp, J. W. Tucker, N. C. Powell,

On Publications—J. M. Phillips, J. A. W. Lowrey, W. Z. West, Miss Mollie Lumbley.

On Woman's Work—D. W. Bosdell, W. C. Tatum, J. M. Phillips, Mrs. A. J. Thames, T. G. Pigford.

On Foreign Missions—G. C. Johnson, W. J. Busby, C. E. Roberts, Albert Rogers.

On State Missions—R. A. Venable, Miss Jennie Kelly, T. B. Shoemaker, Miss Kizzie Brunson.

On Colportage—L. A. Duncan, D. W. Risen, J. W. Menasco, Earl Dabbs.

On B. Y. P. U.—W. E. Sharp, D. W. Bosdell, W. L. Brunson, Jr., D. R. Rogers, Miss Mattie Bruce, T. Shoemaker.

On Denominational Education—A. J. Thames, J. A. Hackett, J. N. Shirley, W. A. Reid, D. R. Red, Jr., W. B. Falconer.

On Temperance—A. J. Thames, W. L. Brunson, Sr., B. L. Powell, J. R. Farish.

On Sustentation—W. A. Roper, Jacob Sumrall, H. R. Ward, J. D. Priester.

On Orphanage—J. A. Hackett, Moody Price, A. J. Thames, J. H. Raley.

On Nominations—C. E. Roberts, Joe Tatum, T. G. Pigford, W. H. Elkins, J. A. Hackett.

On Apportionment—D. W. Bosdell, J. W. Fucker, T. G. Pigford, A. J. Thames, J. M. Phillips, W. A. Roper, G. L. Donald.

The address of welcome was then delivered by W. H. Patton and responded to by G. C. Johnson.

Bro. Lumbley, our returned missionary from Africa, and Bro. Guice, the pastor of the Shubuta Methodist church, were introduced to the Association.

The report on State Missions was read by R. A. Venable.

On Foreign Missions by G. C. Johnson.

On Home Missions by R. S. Gavin.

These reports were discussed by Venable, Farish, Bosdell, Hackett, Johnson, and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

From July 20, 1901, to July 12, 1902, our State Board received \$13,808.99. Of this amount \$10,196.18 was paid out to missionaries under the employment of the board, leaving a balance on hand according to the minutes of the Convention of \$3,611.18.

During the last Conventional year the board has assisted in the support of the ministry at one hundred and thirty-six different points in the State. These missionaries rendered 8,524 days of actual service, preaching 3,181 sermons and baptizing 359 persons, besides assisting in meetings where 714 others were baptized, making an aggregate of 1,073. During the year under the inspiration and leadership of the missionaries, 12 houses of worship have been commenced, while 16 have been completed and six have been improved. In building and improving church houses \$24,500 have been raised and expended; seven new churches were organized and 23 Sunday-schools.

The last Convention instructed the board to lay out its work for the next year on the basis of \$15,000, which is an advance of \$5,000 over anything the board has ever done in the past. This may seem like a large amount, but when it is seen, in the light of our ability as a great Baptist host, numbering over 1,000,000, it is shamefully small. If our people can be made to see the vast fields now white unto harvest and hear the voice of our loving Lord, commanding us to enter and reap for His glory much more than that amount can be raised.

Your committee is glad to note a growing interest in the sustentation department of the board's work. The needs of our superannuated preachers are crying needs. These brethren have given their lives to the work of the Master. The circumstances of their life and work have been such as to demand of them unremitting labor for many years, without compensation. They have labored faithfully and we have entered into the fruits of their labors. It is our privilege to show our

gratitude to God and our appreciation of their services by seeing that the measure of their need shall be the measure of our help of them.

We recommend that the pastors of our churches preach quarterly on the subject of missions to their churches; that some system be adopted by the churches by which each member can be reached and induced to contribute regularly to all the work fostered by the board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. VENABLE,
MISS JENNIE KELLY,
MISS KIZZIE BRUNSON,
T. B. SHOEMAKER.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The question of Foreign Missions is one of the greatest and most vital questions which claim our earnest and prayerful consideration.

This question should appeal to our sympathy and enlist our support, because it lays so near the heart and life of our blessed Lord. He says: "The field is the world." So, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." And in His last commission He says: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Then, in obedience to this last, but ever living and abiding command of our Saviour—God, let each one of us, as obedient children say to Him, with cheerful heart and willing hands:

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
Over mountains and plain and sea;
"I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,
I'll be what you want me to be."

Last conventional year, ending April 30, 1902, Mississippi Baptists gave to Foreign Missions, \$9,032.72. Last associational year, ending Sept. 30, 1901, the Chickasahay Association gave to Foreign Missions, \$487.77. During this conventional year, ending April 30, 1903, the Foreign Mission Board asks Mississippi Baptists to contribute \$13,000 to Foreign Missions, an increase over last year's contribution of \$3,967.28.

So, if this additional amount is to be realized, it should be obligatory on each church in this Association to bear its part in this increased contribution to the cause of Christ. Therefore, we respectfully and most earnestly urge the pastors and the churches of this Association, together with the Ladies Missionary Societies, to bear an important part in this enlarged work for the glory of Christ and the salvation of immortal souls.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. JOHNSON,
C. E. ROBERTS,
W. J. BUSBY,
ALBERT ROGERS.

HOME MISSIONS.

By Home Missions we mean the work covered by the Southern States, the Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Cuba. The importance of this department of our missionary work becomes apparent when we consider the following facts:

1. In many of our great cities the Baptist cause is not sufficient for the work that ought to be accomplished in them. Here is a splendid field for operation.

2. In our mountain regions and on our frontier territory there is fine material for development and it is abundant. The field is white; the

laborers not sufficient. Its our duty, not only to PRAY for laborers ; but to PAY for their sending.

3. Within our gates there are foreigners, more by far, they tell us, than there are people of all kinds in the State of Mississippi. These, in the majority of instances, are strangers to the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ and ought to have the gospel.

4. Our negro population is a living problem. Just how the race question will be solved may be uncertain to some ; but that the negro needs enlightenment even in his superstitious worship is patent to us all. Let us do our utmost to give the ignorant negro the advantages of the gospel.

5. The work in Cuba is dear to all our hearts. To neglect it would be a calamity. God has given the Baptists the right-of-way on the Queen of the Antilles, and our marching orders are, "Go, ye, into all the island and make Baptists of the people." May we never grow weary in our God-given and God-blessed work.

The following statistical report is taken from the last report of our Convention Board: The report shows 674 missionaries in the home field, 1,757 stations, 8,150 baptisms, 9,051 letters, 231 churches constituted, 398 houses built and repaired. The receipts were \$98,950.29, an advance of \$12,045.61 over the previous year. Other special gifts carry these figures to \$100,450.28, and \$24,459.47 additional in boxes sent to missionaries. Contributions from Mississippi to this Board were in cash \$4,465.39, an advance of \$366.00 over previous year, and box valuations of \$1,006.20, an increase of \$189.92. In the co-operative work of the Home Board, our State has received \$2,000.

The Home Board asks for larger contributions. The hearty support of every Baptist in the land is sought because it is needed. Greater achievements than ever before are within our grasp, if only we can get the money. At our last State Convention we resolved to urge all the churches within the State to make special efforts for Home Missions this year. Let us make that resolution binding upon us, as an Association. Our duty to the benighted within our own bounds is sacred. God has placed this responsibility upon us. May we face it cheerfully, frankly, faithfully!

R. S. GAVIN, Ch'mn.,
W. E. SHARP,
J. W. TUCKER,
N. C. POWELL.

On motion of L. A. Duncan a devotional committee, consisting of the pastor and deacons of Shubuta church, with J. M. Phillips added, was appointed.

On motion of A. J. Thames the report on publications was made a special order for 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

On motion of D. W. Bosdell, the report on Woman's Work was made a special order for 8 p. m. Thursday.

L. P. Leavell, our State Sunday-school Secretary, was recognized, and addressed the body.

Adjourned at 5 to meet at 7:30.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Met at 7:30. After singing, prayers were led by Hackett and Duncan.

On motion of J. R. Farish, the report on Orphanage was made a special order for 11 a. m. Thursday.

The hour for the associational sermon having arrived, the appointee, R. S. Gavin, preached, using Luke 8:18.

A collection was taken for Bro. Lumbley and wife. Amount, \$15.00.

Adjourned with benediction by R. A. Venable.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 o'clock the Association was called to order and led in prayer by D. W. Bosdell.

T. J. Bailey, editor of The Baptist, having arrived was introduced to the body.

On motion of J. A. Hackett, the special order was suspended and the report on Sustentation was called for, read by W. A. Roper, discussed by Roper, Venable, Hackett and adopted.

SUSTENTATION.

By the word sustentation is meant caring for the aged and disabled ministers, their wives and widows.

We are to love God and honor Him because He first loved us and gave Himself for us. On a like principle, we ought to love and care for these aged preachers. They love God, our Father, and they love us, the begotten of the Father. They have made a sacrifice of their lives to build a goodly heritage, of which we have become heirs.

The privileges and blessings which are to-day ours to enjoy, have come to us largely through the efforts and sacrifices of these noble servants of God. They layed the foundation upon which we are building.

Most of the civilized nations of earth make governmental provisions, by means of pensions, to care for their superannuated servants. Shall the earthly kingdom of our God do less for those who have fought its battles and who should wear its laurels.

The conduct of our churches along this line is almost criminal, because of their neglect. From the statistical table of last year we find that only two out of a total of thirty-four reported contributions for this object.

We would urge upon the pastors to keep this matter more prominent before our churches and we recommend that each church within our bounds make at least one contribution each year for the support of these men who have worn themselves out in the service of God.

W. A. ROPER, Ch'mn.
J. D. PRIESTER,
J. SUMRALL,
H. R. WARD.

A collection was taken for W. R. Butler, an aged minister of Pachuta, amounting to \$9.07.

The special order was called for, whereupon J. M. Phillips read the report on Publications which was discussed by Bailey, Hackett, Venable, Johnson, Roper, Patton, and adopted.

PUBLICATIONS.

As we all know, this is an age of reading. Indeed, it is to be feared that there are many among us who read too much. On one occasion there were those who could not come nigh unto Jesus because of the

press. Of course, the printing press was not in existence at that time. It was the press of the multitude that kept the palsied man from being brought to Christ. But in our day, it is to be feared that many do not come to Christ because of the press—the printing press. The daily, the tri-weekly, the semi-weekly and the Sunday newspapers are being scattered like autumn leaves among the people. Many monthly journals and periodicals of a secular nature are being subscribed for and read. Books of doubtful value, ranging all the way from the ten cent yellow-back, up to the “latest novel,” are being greedily devoured by many of the people. So that it is true in a sense, that many do not come to Christ because of the press—the printing press.

While we would not disparage wholesome secular literature, yet it is a fact to be deplored, that too many of our people are giving far more of their time to the reading of books, papers and periodicals, that are “of the earth earthy,” than to those that treat of spiritual and eternal things.

If we would be good Christians, we should read good Christian literature. If we, as a people, would be good Baptists, we should read good Baptist literature. We wish to recommend some good Christian Baptist literature, which we think all our people would do well to read, first, *the Bible*. It has been truly said that “the Bible is a world in itself—vast and full of variety. It is resplendant with truths which shine like stars in the heavens. Its history rolls like a majestic river; its prophecies are like mountains, its fields blossom with promises. In the Bible are mysteries as in the great and wide sea, or in the illimitable fields of space. A universe of knowledge is brought before us in this one great volume—the book of books. We should read it, love it and make its teachings a part of our lives. 2nd. Next to the Bible, our people should provide their homes with good and useful books. 3d. We consider it of great importance also, that *The Baptist*, our State denominational paper, be extensively circulated among us and read by our people. As has been said, it is the best paper for Mississippi Baptists of any other. Great improvements have been made in it during the past year, both as to its mechanical make-up and the value of its reading matter. If we would have an intelligent knowledge of the work of our great denomination in the State, it is necessary that we take and read *The Baptist*. 4th. We also recommend that our people subscribe for and read the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field; also the Gem Sunday-school literature, published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PHILLIPS, Ch'mn.
J. A. W. LOWREY,
W. Z. WEST,
MISS MOLLIE LUMBLEY.

The hour designated for the discussion of the report on the Orphanage, having arrived, it was read by J. A. Hackett. Discussed by Hackett, Red, Thames, Bailey, Patton and adopted.

A collection for the Orphanage was taken, amounting to \$7.19.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Our Lord put it in pretty strong words when He said, “Ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good.”

And who is so “poor” in the essentials of this material world as the orphan who has been left without father or mother or both, in utter friendliness and destitution? The poetic sentiment that has rung around the world, and awakened the echo in every civilized land and

the one we all love to sing so well and that will never, never die, is this: "Be it ever so humble there's no place like home," and the child above described is without even such a home. If good homes could be found for all such children, where the elements of religion and civilization are enjoyed, "it were a consummation devoutly to be wished," but in the absence of such homes there is no place like a properly conducted orphanage, and there is no orphanage comparable to the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage for the orphans of Mississippi. It is under the care and direction of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has its home in the hearts of Mississippi Baptist people, has suitable and sufficient grounds, excellent buildings, is admirably located near our State Capitol, with abundant railroad facilities and is conducted by two of our noblest and best citizens, Brother and Sister L. S. Foster, whom to know is to love and trust. The whole number of orphans that has been received into this home is 111; the number of inmates now in the institution is 64 and others will be gladly received when other places have been provided by the furnishing of rooms in the excellent new and commodious building so thoughtfully provided by the distinguished generosity of the Jennings, of Water Valley, and others. Let our people remember that this institution depends under God, upon the gifts of His saints, that "the Lord loves a cheerful giver" that their benefactions are constantly in demand, as there is constant need for present support as well as urgent call for perpetual enlargement to meet ever growing demands for the ever multiplying numbers of needy orphans.

How can God's people better fulfill the Apostolic injunction to "visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction" than to make large and suitable provisions in the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage for the destitute and helpless orphans of our State? As a prime disseminator of information, concerning their institution, and as an effective method of deepening and widening the interest of our people in its welfare and thereby drawing them more and more fully into its support, we would suggest the wider distribution of the Orphanage Catalogue and also of that excellent little paper, the Orphanage Gem. Let each of these suggest—we messengers go into every Baptist home in the land and the orphanage, under God, will not fail to prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HACKETT,
A. J. THAMES,
MOODY PRICE,
J. H. RALEY.

On motion of G. L. Donald, the Sunday-school report was made a special order for 8:30 p. m.

Adjourned at 12:10 to meet at 2:30.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convened at 2:30. Singing and then led in prayer by Hackett and Johnson.

The report on Colportage was read by L. A. Duncan. Discussed by Duncan, Johnson, Phillips, Roper and adopted.

COLPORTAGE.

Both in the Old Testament and the New, we are taught "patient continuance." Very strong encouragement is given in these words: "Line upon line, line upon line; precept upon precept, precept upon precept; here a little, there a little." Notice the repetition; showing the necessity of constant reminders of duties and obligations.

Year after year the importance of Colportage has been urged upon the Association. It has made a few spasmodic efforts, with evident failure to properly appreciate the work, and possibly with misunderstanding. An idea has obtained that it consists mainly in the sale of books; which is secondary, and supplementary. The prime object is to reach the people and bring every family under the influence of the gospel.

The true Colporteur is emphatically a missionary. His duty is to visit every family, converse with them on religious subjects; encourage a Christian life and invite all to public worship—where it exists, and establish it in destitute places. In doing this he will see that Sunday-schools are started, and churches are organized as a means of instruction and development.

In any house where there is not a Bible, one should be left by sale or gift, or at least a copy of the New Testament. Sound religious tracts must be judiciously distributed, and denominational literature should be supplied where needed; while as Baptists, doctrinal books, pamphlets and newspapers should receive the attention. Of course the Bible is first, and could be left alone, but for the circulation of erroneous teachings by others.

Temple worship is not Christianity. When Christ was on the cross, "the veil of the temple was rent in twain." His command was: "Go, teach all nations," etc.—which involves activity, aggressiveness. This is the spirit of the gospel, and it is eminently carried out by Colportage. The early disciples sought the people and taught them as they had opportunity. They did not say "join the church," but come to Christ!

L. A. DUNCAN, Ch'mn.

Report on Baptist Young People's Union was read by D. W. Bosdell. Discussed by Bosdell, Leavell and adopted.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK.

In dealing with a subject of the importance and magnitude of the B. Y. P. U., I'll deem it expedient to make such report as concise as possible and not consume the time of the Association in making a detailed report; we shall therefore notice some of the phases of the work of the B. Y. P. U. We desire to say that it occupies a field in Christian work not filled by any other organization, in as much as it serves in a great degree to develop the young people into active church workers by broadening their views and expanding their minds and teaching them that they are capable if they only have self-confidence to go ahead and do what they find to do.

The one great need in many of our churches is to get the young men and women interested in and to take hold of the work. We know of no other way that is better calculated to do this than to train the young men and women in the work of the B. Y. P. U. In the report made at our last State Convention only about 20 per cent. of our churches had these organizations. Now it appears to this committee that if our Baptist people cope with the situation successfully and do the work that our Master has laid out for us, we must avail ourselves of every opportunity afforded.

We therefore feel constrained, in view of the facts as they now appear, to insist most earnestly upon each church in our Association, through their pastors, to organize a B. Y. P. U. in their respective churches, since our great State, with more than one hundred thousand Baptists does not compare favorable with some of our sister States.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. SHARP, Ch'mn.,
D. W. BOSDELL,
MISS MOLLIE LUMBLEY,
T. SHOEMAKER,
D. R. ROGERS.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A Fifth Sunday Meeting was held in Meridian with the Fifteenth Avenue church, embracing the fifth Sunday in March. The great overflow and washouts on the railroads prevented those out of the city from attending. The meeting, however, was a very good one.

Having no funds at our command, and no prospect of getting any, we have made no effort to put a Colporteur in the field.

Brethren have been appointed to write reports for this session on the subjects considered by this Association.

A program has been printed and distributed for a Sunday-school Institute to be held the day before the Association convened.

J. D. COOK, Ch'mn.

The report on Nominations was read by C. E. Roberts. On motion of J. A. Hackett the report was amended by adding C. E. Roberts to the delegation to the State Convention. The report was then adopted as amended.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee recommend that the Association hold its next meeting with the church at Enterprise, Wednesday before the fourth Lord's Day in September, 1903. Meet at 9:30 a. m. That the sermon be preached by A. J. Thames at 7:30 p. m., with W. A. Roper, as alternate. That R. S. Gavin be delegated to the S. B. Convention, with G. C. Johnson, as alternate. That L. A. Duncan, W. H. Patton, W. J. Busby, Moody Price, J. W. Tucker, W. L. Brunson, Jr., Jno. M. Carmichael, H. R. Ward, G. L. Donald, C. C. Dunn, D. W. Risen, G. C. Johnson, J. R. Farish, C. C. McNeil and C. E. Roberts be chosen as delegates to the Mississippi Baptist State Convention. That W. H. Patton, G. C. Johnson, E. B. McRaven, D. W. Bosdell and J. A. Hackett serve as Executive Committee for the ensuing year. That Sister Georgie D. Phillips be reappointed vice-president of Woman's Work within the Association for the next associational year.

C. E. ROBERTS,
T. G. PIGFORD,
JOE TATUM,
W. H. ELKINS,
J. A. HACKETT.

The report on Temperance was read by A. J. Thames. Discussed by Thames, Phillips, Hackett, Patton, Brunson, Sr.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, further discussion of the report was deferred till the evening session.

On motion, the session adjourned at 5:10.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Met at 7:30. After singing the body was led in prayer by T. J. Bailey.

The discussion of the Temperance report was resumed. A. J. Thames presented a resolution, memorializing the next

State Legislature to pass a law prohibiting the manufacture, sale or giving away intoxicating liquors. The resolution was spoken to by Bailey and Venable and adopted.

A MEMORIAL.

Resolved, That the Chickasahay Baptist Association, representing over three thousand citizens, living on the Mobile and Ohio railroad, between Lauderdale Station and State Line, Miss., in Lauderdale, Clarke and Wayne counties do emphatically endorse the following

MEMORIAL

To the Legislature of the State of Mississippi :

The Mississippi Baptist Convention, representing 112,000 white Baptists living within the State of Mississippi, respectfully petition your honorable body to enact a law absolutely prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, for beverage, in Mississippi; and also to include the manufacture and giving away of all intoxicants, with suitable penalties for the violation of said laws.

Unanimously adopted at the session held at Shubuta, September 24-26, and a copy ordered sent to each of the next State Legislature in both the House and Senate, also to His Excellency, the Governor.

[I certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution, Sept. 26, 1902.]

W. A. ROPER, Clerk.

A resolution was offered by W. A. Roper, memorializing Congress as follows :

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS.

The Chickasahay Baptist Association, representing a constituency of three thousand (3,000) citizens in East Mississippi, most respectfully petition your honorable body to repeal the law permitting the issuance of Federal privilege liquor tax to dealers in prohibited districts.

Unanimously adopted at the last session held at Shubuta, September 24-26, and a copy ordered sent to each of our Congressmen and United States Senators.

The report on Temperance was then adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Although we have been nearly one hundred years in this work, we cannot show the growth we ought. Another year of effort in this line reveals no visible results.

Christian people should be careful to prevent the use of anything that is hurtful in its influence on society and damning in its effect upon those who are addicted to its use. We can do this only by meeting the responsibility of duty to God and His cause.

Brethren, we recommend that every member of this Association give his active support to the suppression of the sale of all intoxicants, and that we enter the fight against King Alcohol, giving prayers, influence and earnest opposition until it shall have no resting place in the borders of our fair land.

We recommend that the following protests be reaffirmed :—

1. Against that policy of our national government known as the "Federal tax of intoxicating liquors, whereby this government and every citizen possessed of the right of suffrage, as an integral part of the government, is made a partner in the liquor business.

2. Against the policy of our national government in the issuance of

Federal privilege tax to dealers in prohibited districts, thereby encouraging crime and the violation of the State laws.

3. That the sense of this Association is, if a church member visit a saloon, sign whiskey petitions, go on bonds of whiskey sellers, vote for the sale or in any way countenance or encourage the traffic of intoxicating liquors, it is conduct unworthy of a Christian and should be brought under church discipline.

4. That we will withdraw from any church and refuse to receive any church failing or refusing to enforce discipline as set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

A. J. THAMES,
W. L. BRUNSON, SR.,
B. L. POWELL,
J. R. FARISH.

The report on Woman's Work, together with the vice-president's report for the year just closed was read by D. W. Bosdell, spoken to by Bosdell and Hackett and adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The work that is being done by our Woman's Missionary Societies is too vast to pass with a casual thought but should be thoroughly studied. They have been doing their work in the Southern Baptist Convention in an organized way, during the past fourteen years. The propriety of their assuming an organized form had forever been put beyond question by the seal of divine appeal. Each year has found them in a state of increased enthusiasm and their number greatly enlarged. We have at present about 2,500 societies in our Southland. These societies contribute in two ways, i. e., giving the cash and sending boxes. Their total contribution during the last centennial year was \$88,129.07.

The work in our State has been in existence in an organized form since 1879. During this time it has grown rapidly, until today we have about 210 societies, about 30 of which were organized during the last centennial year. The interest in these societies is running high. Last year they contributed the total amount of \$9,248.13.

The work in our Association is in very good condition. However, we have not the number of societies that ought to exist. There were thirteen societies that made their report to the last Association. The nature of the work should commend itself very strongly to every church and pastor.

We, your committee, beg to recommend

1st, That each pastor make an endeavor to organize a society in his church, if practicable.

2nd, That these societies make their regular reports to the Secretary of the Central Committee, Mrs. W. R. Woods, Meridian, Miss.

3rd, That the Association pay to the Vice-President of Woman's Work, Mrs. Georgie D. Phillips, Shubuta, Miss., the amount of \$10.00 for her expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BOSDELL, Ch'mn,
J. M. PHILLIPS,
W. C. TATUM,
ELAISE H. THAMES.

REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF WOMAN'S WORK.

My report is not as satisfactory, I regret to say, as I had hoped it would be. Cumbered with other responsible duties, it has been impossible to give this work the attention it should receive.

I have written quite a number of letters, and distributed a great deal of missionary literature, which I trust will yet bear fruit to the honor and glory of God.

I have not been able to organize any new societies, but I have tried to encourage and stimulate those already at work. While the reports show that many of our women are at work, yet, I am sorry to say, that in many of the churches, there is no organized Woman's Work.

To the pastors, especially, I would say the Vice-President of Woman's Work in your Association needs your influence, your prayers, and your co-operation. Without this help she can do very little, but with your prayers and co-operation and God's blessing she can accomplish much. There are in the Association thirteen societies and there has been contributed to all purposes, \$856.50.

GEORGIE D. PHILLIPS.

On motion of R. A. Venable the Treasurer of the Association was instructed to pay Sister Georgie D. Phillips \$10.00 to defray her expenses as Vice-President of the Association.

The report on Sunday-schools was read by G. L. Donald. Discussed by Donald and Leavell and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The vast importance of the religious training and moral education of our children will not be denied. The deplorable consequences that result from an utter neglect of it is apparent. Our children and youths have been taught with great zeal in everything where the head is concerned—in Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, Geometry, Astronomy and the like, and in almost nothing which concerns the heart. No pains have been spared in favor of the intellect while the moral and spiritual are neglected. It has been suggested that the moral and religious training and education of children be left off, until they are old enough to decide on all subjects of this nature, for themselves. If it were possible for the mind to remain a blank, in the meantime, this suggestion would be entitled to weight, but such is not the case. We find the mind is continually operative, receiving and incorporating into itself moral principles, either right or wrong. There is such a vast variety of active influences surrounding us that he who is not imbued with good cannot reasonably expect to be uncontaminated with sin and evil. In order then to counteract and prevent the contaminations of sin and vice, it is necessary and important to pre-occupy the mind by carefully introducing and faithfully cultivating religious and moral principles.

This is one of the prime purposes of the Sunday-school to inculcate and instil into the minds and hearts of the children and youths of the land, true moral and religious principles.

Good word comes to us to-day, not by angelic but by human instruments. The Sunday-school teacher should be our important instrument in conveying good word to us. We fear our churches are too careless and indifferent about selecting teachers to instruct the children in our Sunday-schools. Christians and only Christians—true believers, should be engaged to teach in our Sunday-schools.

We need improvement in the Sunday-school condition, in our association and would recommend the suggestions contained in the proceedings of our Baptist State Convention of this year held at Water Valley.

These suggestions will be found in the resolutions, printed on Page 36, in said proceedings. We would urge upon our churches everywhere to wake up and push forward this important work. From the report of the Statistical Secretary of our State Board, we find there are 1,280 Baptist churches in our State. Of this number, 712 report no Sunday-schools. More than half of the churches reporting no Sunday-schools. This indicates to us the glaring need of something to stimulate a greater interest in the Sunday-school work in the State. We are glad

to see that our State Convention has made a move in this direction by employing a Sunday-school Field Secretary, Bro. Landrum Leavell, whose duty it is to organize Sunday-schools where there are none, and develop those now organized.

Your committee recommends that this Association (in order to lend a helping hand in this great work) appoint a committee of three whose duty it shall be to co-operate within the bounds of this Association with the field secretary. We are gratified at the fact that the Southern Baptist Convention has appointed a secretary, Bro. S. Spilman to engage in this grand work in the South. He will hold an institute at Meridian, Nov. 3rd and 4th and at Hattiesburg on the 5th and 6th of Nov. next. We would urge upon the churches the importance of having some of their members to attend these institutes.

G. L. DONALD, Ch'mn.

Resolution of thanks was introduced by W. A. Roper and unanimously adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the Baptist church of Shubuta and citizens of the town for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us. Also to the Mobile & Ohio railroad for reduced rates over their line. Likewise to the Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship for our ladies' meetings, and to the ladies for their beautiful and highly appreciated decorations of the house in which we have met.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the Moderator of this Association for the courteous and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

The following were introduced by D. W. Bosdell and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the clerk have a sufficient number of the minutes of this meeting printed and distributed and that he be allowed \$20.00 for his services.

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to allot a space in the Associational Minutes for the proceedings of the Sunday-school Institute.

Adjourned at 9:30 with benediction by D. W. Bosdell.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Convened at 9 a. m. After singing, prayers were led by J. A. W. Lowry and L. P. Leavell.

Report on apportionment was read by D. W. Bosdell and adopted.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your Committee on Apportionment, beg to recommend the following amounts to be given by the several churches, to the three boards—Foreign, Home and State Missions:

Big Creek,	\$ 10.00
Buckatunna,	50.00

Clear Creek,	15.00
Concord,	10.00
DeSoto,	30.00
Enterprise,	50.00
Fairfield,	10.00
Fairmont,	5.00
Forty-first Avenue	200.00
Harmony,	20.00
Hepzibah,	5.00
Highlands,	10.00
Mt. Zion,	20.00
New Hope,	10.00
Oak Grove,	10.00
Pachuta,	25.00
Pleasant Grove,	20.00
Poplar Springs,	20.00
Quitman,	50.00
Seventh Avenue	15.00
Shubuta,	75.00
Souinlovie,	15.00
South Side,	25.00
State Line,	10.00
Stonewall,	100.00
Union,	35.00
Waynesboro,	50.00
Vossburg,	5.00
Total,	\$900.00

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BOSDELL, Ch'mn.,
 J. W. TUCKER,
 T. G. PIGFORD,
 A. J. THAMES,
 J. M. PHILLIPS,
 W. A. ROPER,
 G. L. DONALD,

A partial report of the Committee on Credentials and Digest of Letters was read by L. A. Duncan and further time in which to finish the work and then mail same to clerk was asked for by Bro. Duncan and granted by the body.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Big Creek—Net increase of 12. Has a Sunday-school, from which six were baptized. D. V. Riley, DeSoto, pastor; W. J. Hutto, Waynesboro, supt. Total outlay, \$58.50. Church property, \$500.

Buckatunna—Net decrease, six. Has a Sunday-school. R. S. Gavin, Quitman, pastor; T. J. Johnson, Buckatunna, supt. Total outlay, \$235.21. Church property, \$1,500.

Clear Creek—Net increase, three. Has a Sunday-school. J. M. Phillips, Shubuta, pastor; J. W. Waller, Shubuta, supt. Total outlay, \$42.50. Church property not noted.

Concord—Net decrease, eight. Has no Sunday-school. J. M. Phillips, Shubuta, pastor. Total outlay, \$23.75. Church property not reported.

DeSoto—Net decrease, seven. Has a Sunday-school. R. S. Gaven, Quitman, pastor. Geo. B. Parker, DeSoto, supt. Total outlay, \$217.65. Church property, \$600. Baptism from Sunday-school, one.

Enterprise—Net increase, 33. J. A. Hackett, Meridian, pastor. Sunday-school, M. W. Buckley, Enterprise, supt. W. M. U., Mrs. J. C. Foster, pres. Total outlay, \$634.80. Baptized from S. S., 29. Church property, \$500.

Fairfield—Net decrease, 12. J. M. Phillips, pastor. Sunday-school; ten baptized therefrom, W. R. Freeman, Eucut-ta, supt. Church property, \$350. Total outlay, \$93.92.

Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian—Net increase, 13. G. C. Johnson, pastor. Sunday-school, seven baptized; Geo. W. Yarbrough, supt. Church property, \$2,500; pastor's home, \$1,300. Total outlay, \$901.25. W. M. U., Mrs. W. N. Ethridge, pres.

First, Meridian—Net increase, 20. R. A. Venable, pastor. Sunday-school, twelve baptized; A. S. Bozeman, supt. Three W. M. U., presidents, Mrs. J. A. Hackett; Mrs. H. F. Broach, Jr.; Miss Nellie Kirkland. Church property, \$35,000. Pastor's home, \$5,000. Total outlay, \$4,825.

Forty-first Avenue, Meridian—Net increase, 18. D. W. Bosdell, pastor. Sunday-school, three baptized; E. D. Roberts, supt. W. M. U., Mrs. D. W. Bosdell, pres. B. Y. P. U., John Bruce, pres. Church property, \$2,500. Pastor's home, \$1,500. Total outlay, \$1,870.70.

Harmony—Net increase, five. Pastor, J. M. Phillips, Shubuta. Sunday-school: W. S. Dabbs, supt., Carmichael postoffice. W. M. U., Mrs. Dabbs, pres. Total outlay, \$112.21. Church property, \$500.

Mt. Gilead—Net decrease, 19. Pastor, J. R. Farish, Meridian. Sunday-school, A. J. Pigford, Gilead, supt. Total outlay, \$206.25. Church property, \$500.

Mt. Zion—Net increase, 21. Pastor, H. M. Mason, Isney, Ala. Sunday-school, 11 baptized; W. J. Busby, Bucka-tunna, supt. Total outlay, \$109.50. Church property, \$300.

New Hope—Net decrease of one, T. M. Jones, Waynes-boro, pastor. No Sunday-school. Total outlay, \$2.75. Church property not reported.

Oak Grove—Net increase, three. Pastor, H. A. Pickard, Meridian. Sunday-school, W. A. Harwell, supt., Shubuta. Church property, \$500. Total outlay, \$59.87.

Pachuta—Net decrease, six. Pastor, J. A. Hackett, Me-ridian. Sunday-school, W. R. Butler, Pachuta, supt. Church property, \$850. Total outlay, \$153.50.

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Pleasant Grove—Net increase, three. Pastor, J. M. Phillips, Shubuta. No Sunday-school. Total outlay, \$88.05. Value of church property not stated.

Poplar Springs—Net increase, five. Union S. S. No church property, but preparing to build. Total outlay, \$109.55.

Quitman—Net increase, 30. Pastor, R. S. Gavin. Sunday-school, six baptized, G. L. Donald, supt. W. M. U., Mrs. R. S. Gavin, president. Church property being improved largely. Total outlay, \$284.55.

Seventh Ave., Meridian—Net increase, eight. D. A. Covington, Pastor, Zero postoffice. Sunday-school, L. A. Duncan, Meridian, supt. W. M. U., Mrs. S. D. Welch, president. Total outlay, \$51.15. Church property, \$200.

Shubuta—Net decrease, nine. Pastor, J. A. Hackett, Meridian. Sunday school, W. H. Patton, supt. W. M. U., supt., Mrs. G. D. Phillips. Church property, \$2,500. Total outlay, \$541.86. Has a mission Sunday-school.

Souenlovie—Net increase, nineteen. Pastor, L. E. Lightsey, Heidelberg. Sunday school, baptized one; R. M. Read, supt., Pachuta. Church property, \$400. Total outlay, \$76.75.

South Side, Meridian—Net increase, two. Pastor called, A. J. Thames, State Line. Sunday-school, baptized two; Geo. E. Farr, supt., Meridian. Church property, \$300. Total outlay, \$361.42.

Stonewall—Net decrease, 28, W. A. Roper, pastor. Sunday-school, 17 baptized; J. W. Tucker, supt., W. M. U., Miss Lee Perryman, pres. Church property, \$2500.00; pastor's home, \$400.00. Total outlay, \$617.45.

Union—Net increase, seventeen. Pastor, R. S. Gavin, Quitman. Sunday-school; A. M. McLemore, supt., Sable. Church property, \$600. Total outlay, \$191.40.

Waynesboro, (Salem)—Net increase, eleven. Pastor, A. J. Thames. Sunday-school, three baptized; G. S. Hemeter, supt. W. M. U., president, Mrs. McAllister. Church property, \$1,000. Total outlay, \$444.05.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

Barnett—Disorganized. Unable to secure a quorum for business. Has a house of worship.

Chicora—No pastor. Removals has reduced and depleted membership. Has a Union Sunday-school.

Fairmount—Last year reported a membership of 48 and a good Sunday-school. No report to this Association.

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Hepzibah—No report. Sunday-school kept up regularly, by Dr. Spinks. Without statistics of last year.

Highlands, Meridian—Without regular services; but have house of worship, value \$2,000. No report.

Lauderdale—No report for two years. Without a pastor; but a Union Sunday-school supposed to exist.

State Line—Had pastor at last session and good Sunday-school, which is still in operation. No report.

Vossburg—Very small membership, but no services. Only a house of worship.

Summary—25 of the 34 churches enrolled, of which 23 have Sunday-schools and 13 Womens' Societies. Four of the nine not represented have Sunday-schools; the other five practically suspended.

Accessions to 25 churches reported, 251; dismissions and deaths, 67. Net increase, 184. Total membership of Association reported last year, 2,703. Not in summary last year, 316. Total of this Association, 3,203. Sunday-school teachers, 140; scholars, 1781, as reported this year; baptized therefrom, 108.

Enterprise and Stonewall report the largest additions from the Sunday schools; the First church, Meridian, the greatest number of scholars; Forty-first Avenue, Meridian, the only one with more enrollments than the church roll; Shubuta the heaviest average contributions. Forty first Avenue, Meridian, is the only church with a B. Y. P. U.

L. A. DUNCAN, Ch'mn.

Bro. Lumbley, our returned missionary from Africa, was called for and he addressed the Association on the work in Africa. His wife and children were also presented to the body. Bro. and Sister Lumbley sang for us in the African dialect.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to write letters of dismission for any church or churches of this Association who may desire to go into the Lauderdale County Association.

The Meridian First church, Fifteenth Avenue and Mt. Gilead called for letters of dismission.

The Report on Denominational Education was presented by A. J. Thames. Discussed by Thames, Hackett, Gavin, Venable, Patton, Duncan and adopted.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

We note with pleasure the educational activities which are being made, looking to the best equipment for usefulness in all other pursuits of life, and the desire of those who are called to the Gospel Ministry, to fully prepare themselves for the work. We need not, in this re-

port, urge the necessity of an educated ministry. The people are better informed than ever and the ministry must be educated if they teach. We would urge the pastors to see that their churches make regular contributions to Ministerial Education.

We would further ask the churches to exercise the greatest care in granting license and the greatest prudence in giving help to young men at Mississippi College. Never before have our people shown more loyalty to our college for young men. President Lowery secured a grant of \$15,000 from the American Baptist Education Society on condition that he raise \$45,000. After a vigorous campaign by the president, this amount was more than raised. Thirty young preachers were assisted here last session. The present session opened with 232 boys. Let us assist in this glorious work and have some part in the endowment of our college.

We call attention to Hillman College, for girls at Clinton, and Blue Mountain College where so many young ladies, have been prepared for usefulness in life.

We point with no small degree of interest to the work of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky. Some of the best men of our denomination are there giving their lives to the work of preparing pastors for greater efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. THAMES,
J. A. HACKETT,
W. B. FALCONER,
D. R. RED, JR.

Report of Finance Committee was read by C. C. McNeil and approved.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee reports the following contributions sent up by the churches and disbursements as follows:

State Missions,	\$ 15.00
Home Missions,	55.66
Foreign Missions,	33.80
Associational purposes,	52.31
Orphanage,	1.37
Colportage,	8.55

Grand total, \$ 166.99

Respectfully submitted and signed by the committee.

C. C. McNEIL,
A. J. THAMES,
MOODY PRICE.

By amount received of Finance Committee, \$166.99.

W. A. ROPER.

C. E. Roberts made his report as ex-treasurer of the Association which was approved.

After many expressions of appreciation from various brethren, the Association adjourned to meet at Enterprise in 1903.

W. H. PATTON, Moderator,
W. A. ROPER, Clerk and Treas.

CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION.

DATE.	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASURER	PREACHER	MEMBERS
1876 Dec. 2	Shubuta	W. D. Northrup	F. C. McGehee	M. E. Norris	W. D. Northrup	599
1877 Nov. 3	Enterprise	O. D. Bowen	"	F. C. McGehee	T. J. Walne	609
1878 Nov. 20	State Line	"	"	J. P. Seabrook	O. D. Bowen	696
1879 Sept. 5	Shubuta	W. D. Northrup	"	F. C. McGehee	W. B. Crumpton	717
1880 " 3	Meridian	J. W. Bozeman	"	"	J. M. Phillips	634
1881 " 2	Quitman	W. D. Northrup	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	581
1882 " 22	Buckatunna	J. M. Phillips	"	"	W. West	778
1883 " 28	Enterprise	J. W. Bozeman	"	"	W. H. Carroll	932
1884 " 26	Shubuta	"	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	1013
1885 " 25	Ellisville	"	"	"	L. M. Stone	1054
1886 " 24	Quitman	"	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	1339
1887 " 21	Heidelberg	"	W. M. Conner	W. M. Conner	L. E. Hall	1502
1888 " 23	Hattiesburg	S. O. Y. Ray	"	"	T. S. Powell	1770
1889 " 27	Waynesboro	J. W. Bozeman	"	"	J. B. Gambrell	2018
1890 " 26	Ellisville	"	"	"	J. A. Hackett	2350
1891 " 25	Meridian	"	"	"	G. W. Knight	2316
1892 " 22	Shubuta	"	O. D. Bowen	J. P. Meyer	J. A. Hackett	2426
1893 " 21	Sandersville	"	"	J. F. Parker	A. V. Rowe	2435
1894 " 20	Enterprise	"	"	"	C. G. Elliott	2644
1895 Oct. 3	Pachuta	L. M. Stone	J. S. Hardee	C. F. Woods	R. A. Venable	2336
1896 " 1	Mt. Gilead	"	"	J. S. Hardee	W. J. David	2281
1897 Nov. 27	Quitman	R. A. Venable	"	"	R. A. Venable	2233
1898 Sept. 24	South S. Meridian	"	"	"	J. A. Hackett	2500
1899 " 23	Fairfield	W. J. David	"	"	R. A. Venable	2731
1900 " 22	Stonewall	W. H. Patton	C. E. Roberts	C. E. Roberts	G. C. Johnson	2811
1901 " 21	Buckatunna	"	W. A. Koper	W. A. Koper	J. D. Cook	2738
1902 " 23	Shubuta	"	"	"	R. S. Gavin	3013

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Report of Finance Committee was read by C. C. McNeil and approved.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee reports the following contributions sent up by the churches and disbursements as follows:

State Missions,	\$ 15.00
Home Missions,	55.66
Foreign Missions,	33.80
Associational purposes,	52.31
Orphanage,	1.37
Colportage,	8.55

Grand total,

\$ 166.99

Respectfully submitted and signed by the committee.

C. C. McNEIL,
A. J. THAMES,
MOODY PRICE.

By amount received of Finance Committee, \$166.99.

W. A. ROPER.

C. E. Roberts made his report as ex-treasurer of the Association which was approved.

After many expressions of appreciation from various brethren, the Association adjourned to meet at Enterprise in 1903.

W. H. PATTON, Moderator,
W. A. ROPER, Clerk and Treas.

CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION.

DATE.	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASURER	PREACHER	StebmeM
1876 Dec. 2	Shubuta	W. D. Northrup.	F. C. McGehee	M. E. Norris	W. D. Northrup.	599
1877 Nov. 3	Enterprise	O. D. Bowen	"	F. C. McGehee	T. J. Walne	609
1878 Nov. 29	State Line	"	"	J. P. Seabrook	O. B. Bowen	696
1879 Sept. 5	Shubuta	W. D. Northrup.	"	F. C. McGehee	W. B. Crumpton	717
1880 " 3	Meridian	J. W. Bozeman	"	"	J. M. Phillips	634
1881 " 2	Quitman	W. D. Northrup	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	581
1882 " 22	Buckatunna	J. M. Phillips	"	"	W. West	778
1883 " 26	Shubuta	J. W. Bozeman	"	"	W. H. Carroll	932
1884 " 25	Enterprise	"	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	1013
1885 " 24	Ellisville	"	"	"	L. W. Stone	1054
1886 " 23	Heidelberg	"	"	"	J. W. Bozeman	1339
1887 " 21	Hattiesburg	S. O. Y. Ray	W. M. Conner	W. M. Conner	L. E. Hall	1502
1888 " 21	Waynesboro	J. W. Bozeman	"	"	T. S. Powell	1770
1889 " 26	Ellisville	"	"	"	J. B. Gambrell	2018
1890 " 25	Meridian	"	"	"	J. A. Hackett	2350
1891 " 22	Shubuta	"	"	"	G. W. Knight	2316
1892 " 21	Sandersville	"	O. D. Bowen	J. P. Meyer	J. A. Hackett	2426
1893 " 20	Enterprise	"	"	J. F. Parker	A. V. Rowe	2435
1894 " 3	Pachuta	"	"	"	C. G. Elliott	2644
1895 Oct. 1	Mt. Gilead	L. M. Stone	J. S. Hardee	C. F. Woods	R. A. Venable	2336
1896 " 27	Quitman	"	"	J. S. Hardee	W. J. David	2281
1897 Nov. 24	South S. Meridian	R. A. Venable	"	"	R. A. Venable	2233
1898 Sept. 23	Fairfield	W. J. David	"	"	J. A. Hackett	2500
1899 " 22	Stonewall	W. H. Patton	C. E. Roberts	C. E. Roberts	R. A. Venable	2731
1900 " 21	Buckatunna	"	"	"	G. C. Johnson	2811
1901 " 23	Shubuta	"	W. A. Roper	W. A. Roper	J. D. Cook	2738
1902 " 23	"	"	"	"	R. S. Gavin	3013

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary..	State Missions...	Home Missions...	Foreign Missions.	General Missions.	Mississippi College.	Ministerial Education.	Visiting Ministers.	Sustentation	Orphanage	Church Expenses.	Sunday School Expenses.	Miscellaneous....	Associational Purposes.	Colportage.....
Big Creek.....	\$ 40 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 10 00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6 00	.....	\$ 1 25	.....
Buckatunna.....	175 00	.....	27 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	3 00	.....
*Barnett.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clear Creek.....	27 00	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	.....	.....	8 00	.....	1 50	.....	1 72	.....	1 50	.....
*Chicora.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord.....	20 00	.....	1 35	1 40	.....	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
DeSoto.....	100 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	75 90	10 40	7 18	2 25	.....
Enterprise.....	200 00	19 90	9 00	8 90	.....	237 50†	.....	45 50	.....	18 00	45 00	30 00	17 00	4 00	.....
Fairfield.....	75 00	1 00	.....	3 15	.....	.....	.....	11 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....
*Fairmount.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fifteenth Ave.....	600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	2 65	175 00	45 00	.....	3 60	.....
Forty-first Ave.....	725 00	18 1	99 20	33 50	.....	100 00†	105 00	.....	.....	13 75	121 25	58 50	578 35	2 50	.....
Harmony.....	75 00	3 65	3 16	4 75	.....	.....	.....	10 65	.....	.....	1 50	6 00	1 25	1 50	.....
*Hepzibah.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Highlands.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Lauderdale.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Meridian.....	1800 00	200 00	200 00	500 00	.....	500 00	25 00	200 00	.....	75 00	800 00	150 00	300 00	2 00	.....
Mt. Zion.....	48 00	7 00	6 65	6 10	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	15 25	1 00	7 85	.....	2 50	.....
Mt. Gilead.....	125 00	.....	4 65	5 35	.....	.....	.....	22 25	.....	.....	45 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....
New Hope.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Oak Grove.....	48 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 37	1 00	4 50	.....	2 00	.....
Pachuta.....	120 00	.....	4 55	2 45	.....	.....	.....	16 00	.....	2 75	2 50	4 00	.....	1 50	.....
Pleasant Grove.....	60 00	5 15	4 50	4 00	.....	.....	.....	10 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60	.....
Poplar Springs.....	75 00	4 85	.....	13 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	10 00	1 25	.....
Quitman.....	180 00	5 00	5 9	5 00	.....	.....	.....	27 50	.....	18 40	.....	26 24	13 94	2 50	.....
Seventh Ave.....	13 90	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 00	9 50	.....	75	.....
Shubuta.....	20 00	20 00	15 25	18 00	.....	42 90	9 75	.....	8 75	6 22	33 00	23 94	87 50	2 50	8 85
Souinlovie.....	60 00	.....	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	1 50	.....
South Side.....	600 00	8 30	2 65	5 65	.....	.....	10 00	9 81	.....	.....	3 15	19 01	.....	.....	1 35
*State Line.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stonewall.....	440 00	50 00	5 00	30 00	.....	125 00†	.....	.....	5 00	20 25	86 55	40 00	6 35	4 30	.....
Union.....	128 00	8 00	8 00	8 50	.....	.....	.....	12 95	.....	7 00	.....	4 70	.....	2 00	.....
Waynesboro.....	150 00	7 00	.....	9 45	.....	100 00†	.....	46 00	4 00	27 50	180 50	5 00	10 00	2 90	.....
*Vossburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

*Not represented.

†Contribution to College Endowment.

Miscellaneous....	Associational Purposes.	Colportage.....	Relief of poor....	Total.....
00	\$ 1 25		\$....	\$ 57 25
00	3 00			235 21
72	1 50			42 72
	1 00			32 75
40 7 18	2 25			209 73
00 17 00	4 00			634 80
	1 50			92 27
	3 60		25 00	901 25
50 578 35	2 50		15 50	1870 70
00 1 25	1 50			107 46
00 300 00	2 00		75 00	4827 00
85	2 50			99 35
00	2 00			206 25
	1 00			2 75
50	2 00			56 87
00	1 50			153 75
	1 60			86 15
10 00	1 25			109 55
24 13 94	2 50			284 53
50	75			51 15
94 87 50	2 50	8 85	5 00	535 46
00	1 50			76 50
01		1 35		659 92
00 6 35	4 30			812 45
70	2 00		12 25	191 40
00 10 00	2 90		3 00	545 35
				12437 42

